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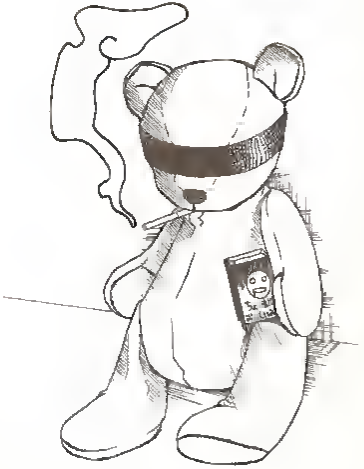

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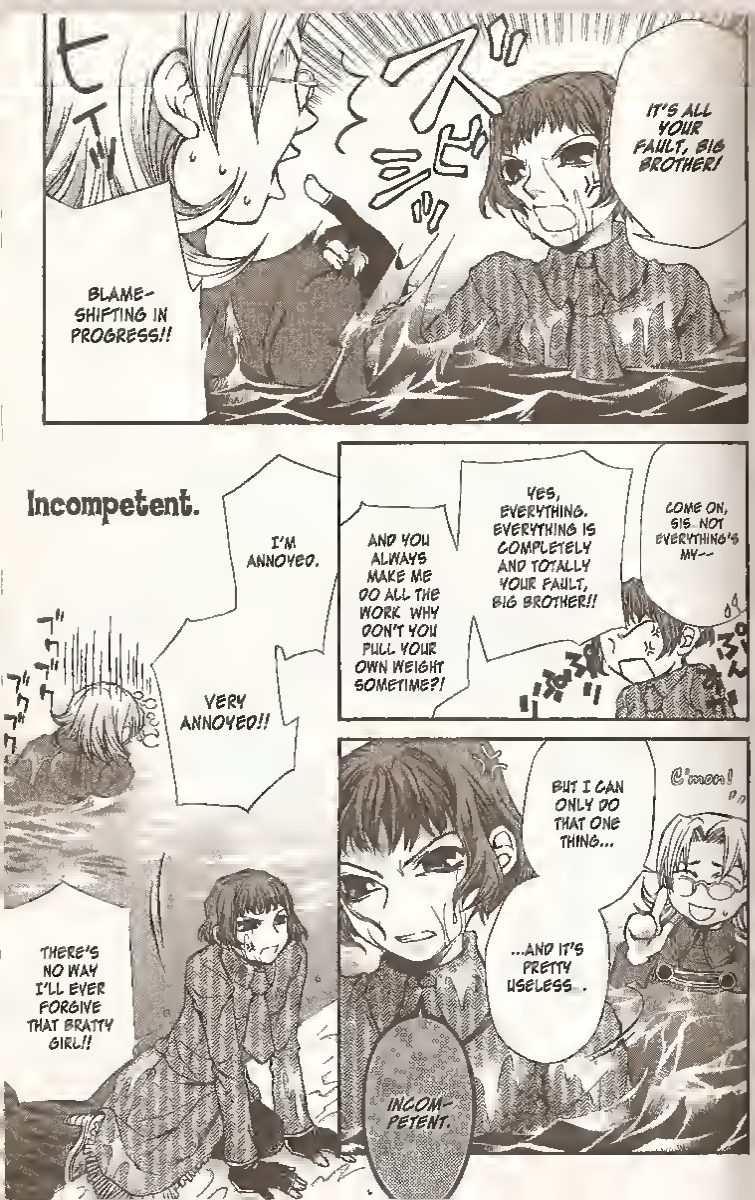
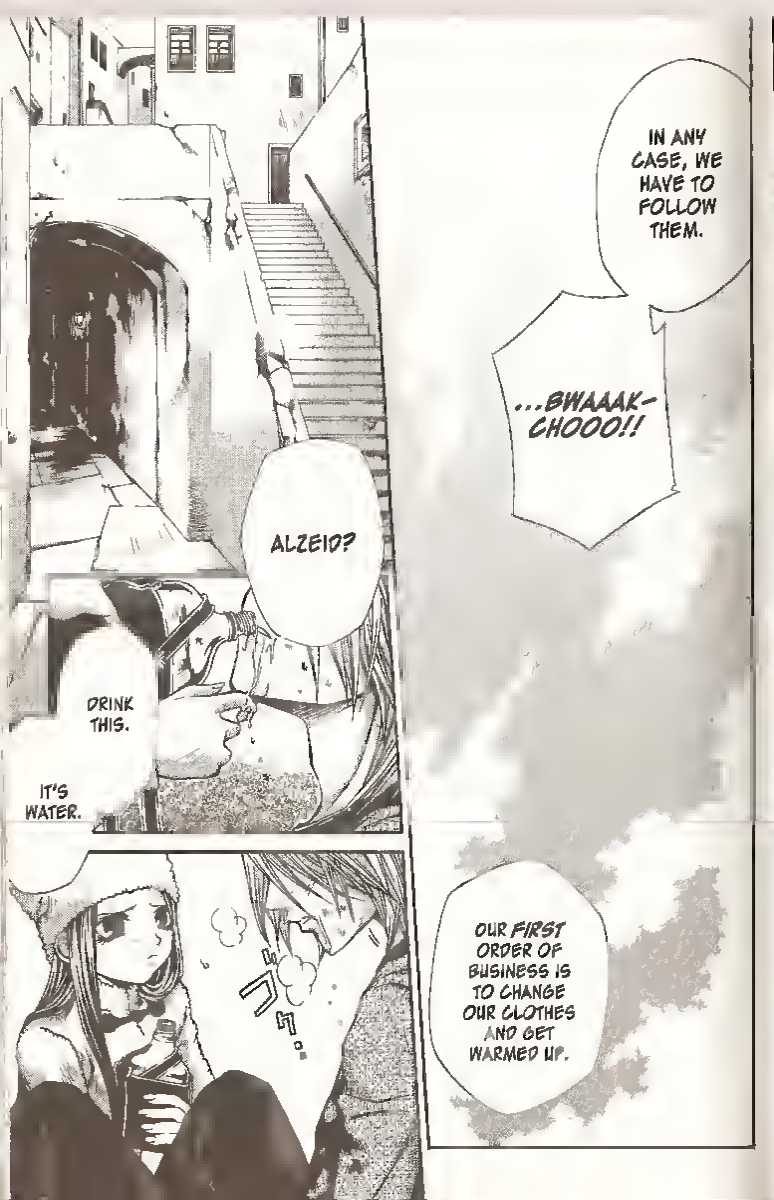
IT'S ALL YOUR FAULT, BIG BROTHER!
BLAME-SHIFTING IN PROGRESS!!

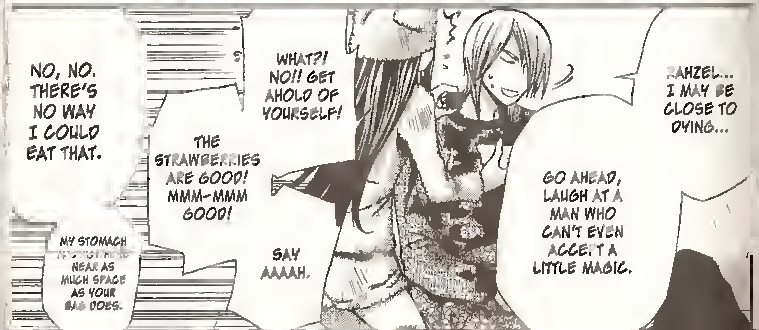

Incompetent.
I'M ANNOYED.
VERY ANNOYED!!
AND YOU ALWAYS MAKE ME DO ALL THE WORK. WHY DON'T YOU PULL YOUR OWN WEIGHT SOMETIME?!
YES, EVERYTHING. EVERYTHING IS COMPLETELY AND TOTALLY YOUR FAULT, BIG BROTHER!!
COME ON, SIS. NOT EVERYTHING'S MY--
THERE'S NO WAY I'LL EVER FORGIVE THAT BRATTY GIRL!!
BUT I CAN ONLY DO THAT ONE THING...
C'mon!
...AND IT'S PRETTY USELESS...
INCOM-PETENT.

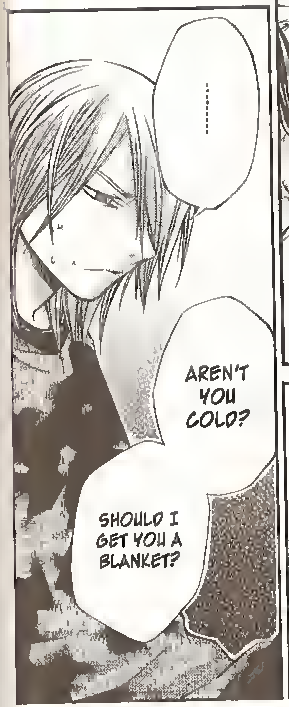
BWAAAH!!
GOD, WHAT A PAIN!
.....
ADOY?


IN ANY CASE, WE HAVE TO FOLLOW THEM.
...BWAAAK-CHOOO!!
ALZEID?
DRINK THIS.
IT'S WATER.
OUR FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS IS TO CHANGE OUR CLOTHES AND GET WARMED UP.

NO.
WE GET PAID TO "TAKE CARE" OF CERTAIN TARGETS.
EXCESSIVE KILLING IS JUST MURDER.
SHALL WE KILL THEM ALL?
.....
THERE IS ONLY ONE TARGET.
"THE SILVER DEVIL," ALZEID.

WHAT'S THE MATTER? DOES IT HURT?
DID SHE JUST PULL SOMETHING OUT OF THAT BAG THAT'S BIGGER THAN THE SPACE INSIDE?
NO...
NO, NO I MUST BE HALLUCINATING BECAUSE OF THE POISON.
I SAW IT SLIDE OUT, RIGHT?
YEAH, THAT'S IT. SHE COULDN'T POSSIBLY HAVE DONE THAT.
GOD-DAM-MIT!!
HEY! I HAVE A SINGLE-USE HAND WARMER.
DO YOU WANT SOME VITAMIN DRINK?
HEY!! I FOUND SOME STRAWBERRIES. DON'T THEY LOOK DELICIOUS?!


NO, NO. THERE'S NO WAY I COULD EAT THAT.
WHAT?! NO!! GET AHOLD OF YOURSELF!
THE STRAWBERRIES ARE GOOD! MMM-MMM GOOD!
SAY AAAAH.
MY STOMACH IS JUST AS NEAR AS MUCH SPACE AS YOUR BAG DOES.
RAHZEL... I MAY BE CLOSE TO DYING...
GO AHEAD, LAUGH AT A MAN WHO CAN'T EVEN ACCEPT A LITTLE MAGIC.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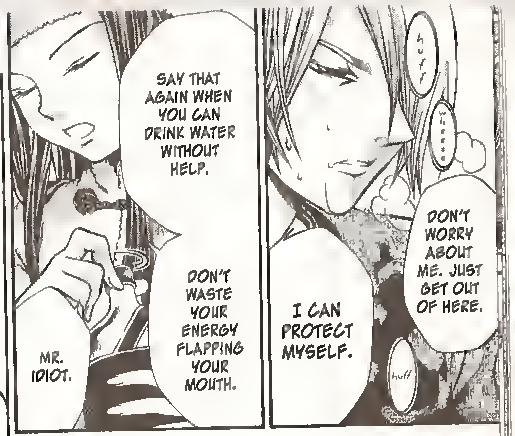
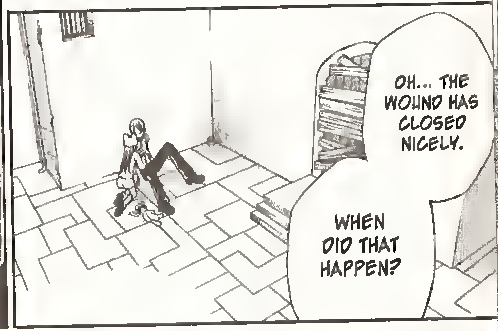
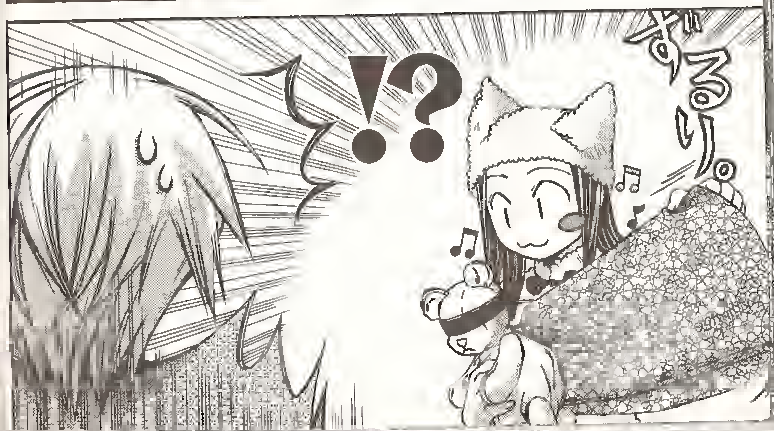
AREN'T YOU COLD?
SHOULD I GET YOU A BLANKET?


SAY THAT AGAIN WHEN YOU CAN DRINK WATER WITHOUT HELP.
DON'T WASTE YOUR ENERGY FLAPPING YOUR MOUTH.
MR. IDIOT.
I CAN PROTECT MYSELF.
DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME. JUST GET OUT OF HERE.
HUFF
HUFF


OH... THE WOUND HAS CLOSED NICELY.
WHEN DID THAT HAPPEN?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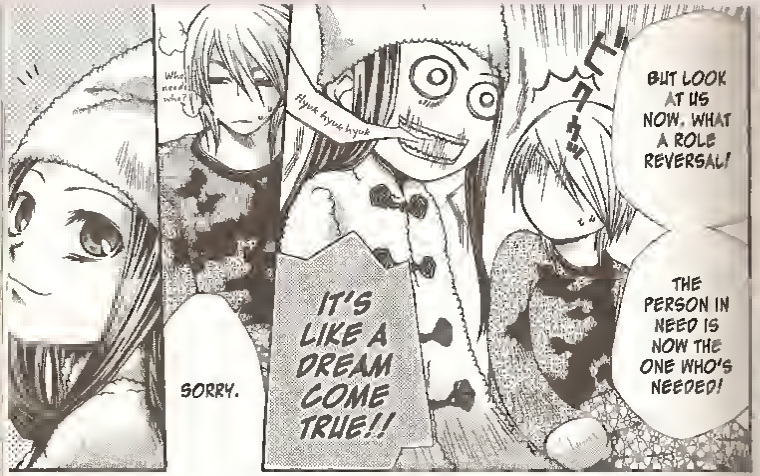
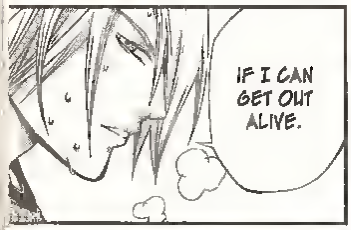

BUT LOOK AT US NOW. WHAT A ROLE REVERSAL!
THE PERSON IN NEED IS NOW THE ONE WHO'S NEEDED!
IT'S LIKE A DREAM COME TRUE!!
SORRY.

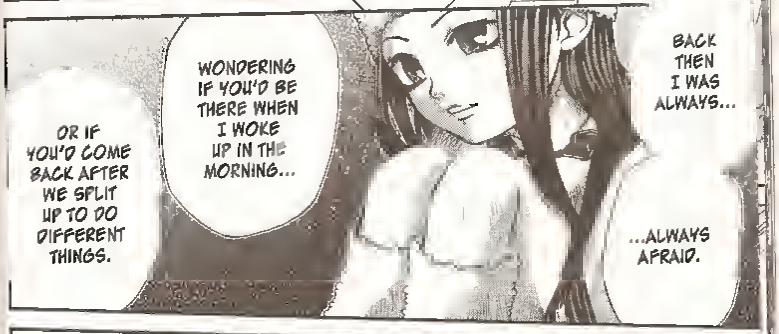

IF I CAN GET OUT ALIVE.

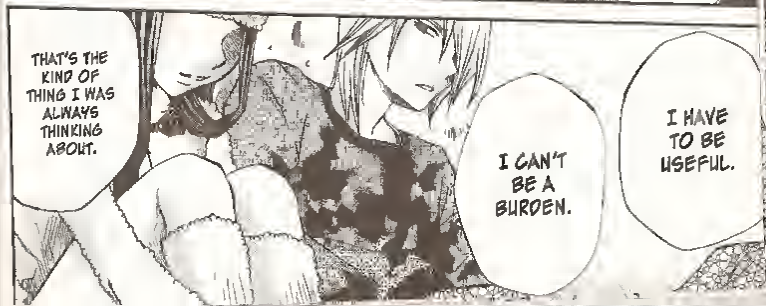
BE STRONG.
OH, COME ON DON'T BE SUCH A PESSIMIST.

HE WAS PSYCHED TO HELP OUT A FRIEND.
RAYBORN IS RUNNING AROUND LOOKING FOR A HOSPITAL.
LET'S GET THAT BODY OF YOURS FIXED UP QUICK AND GET THE HELL OUT OF HERE, OKAY?

I GUESS IT WAS THE WOMAN AT THE INN WHO MADE IT FOR ME IN THE END.
YOU COMPLAINED ABOUT IT THE WHOLE TIME, BUT YOU STILL PUT COLD TOWELS ON MY HEAD AND READ BOOKS TO ME.
BOY, THAT WAS SOME GOOD PUDDING!
BEGGARS CAN'T BE CHOOSERS.
YOU DIDN'T MAKE ME PUDDING, THOUGH...

ALZEID...
BACK WHEN WE FIRST STARTED TRAVELING TOGETHER...
...REMEMBER WHEN I WAS SO SICK WITH THAT FEVER?


OR IF YOU'D COME BACK AFTER WE SPLIT UP TO DO DIFFERENT THINGS.
WONDERING IF YOU'D BE THERE WHEN I WOKE UP IN THE MORNING...
BACK THEN I WAS ALWAYS...
...ALWAYS AFRAID.


THAT'S THE KIND OF THING I WAS ALWAYS THINKING ABOUT.
I CAN'T BE A BURDEN.
I HAVE TO BE USEFUL.

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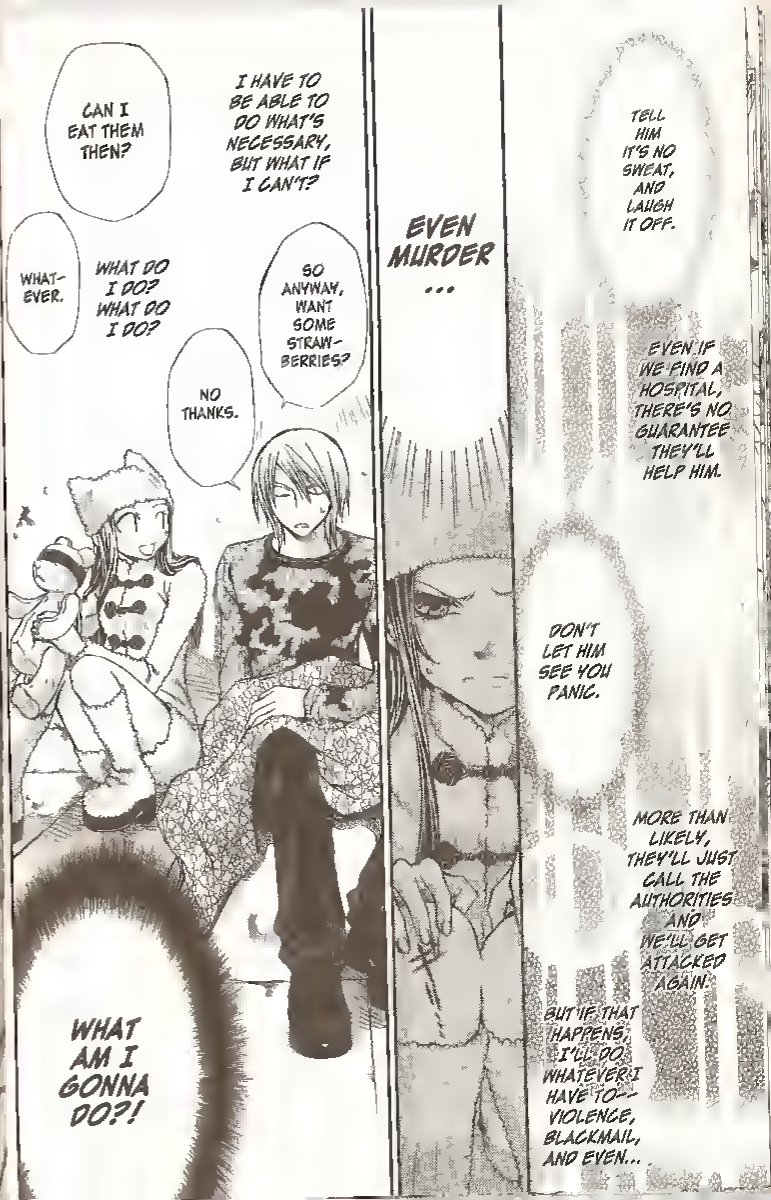
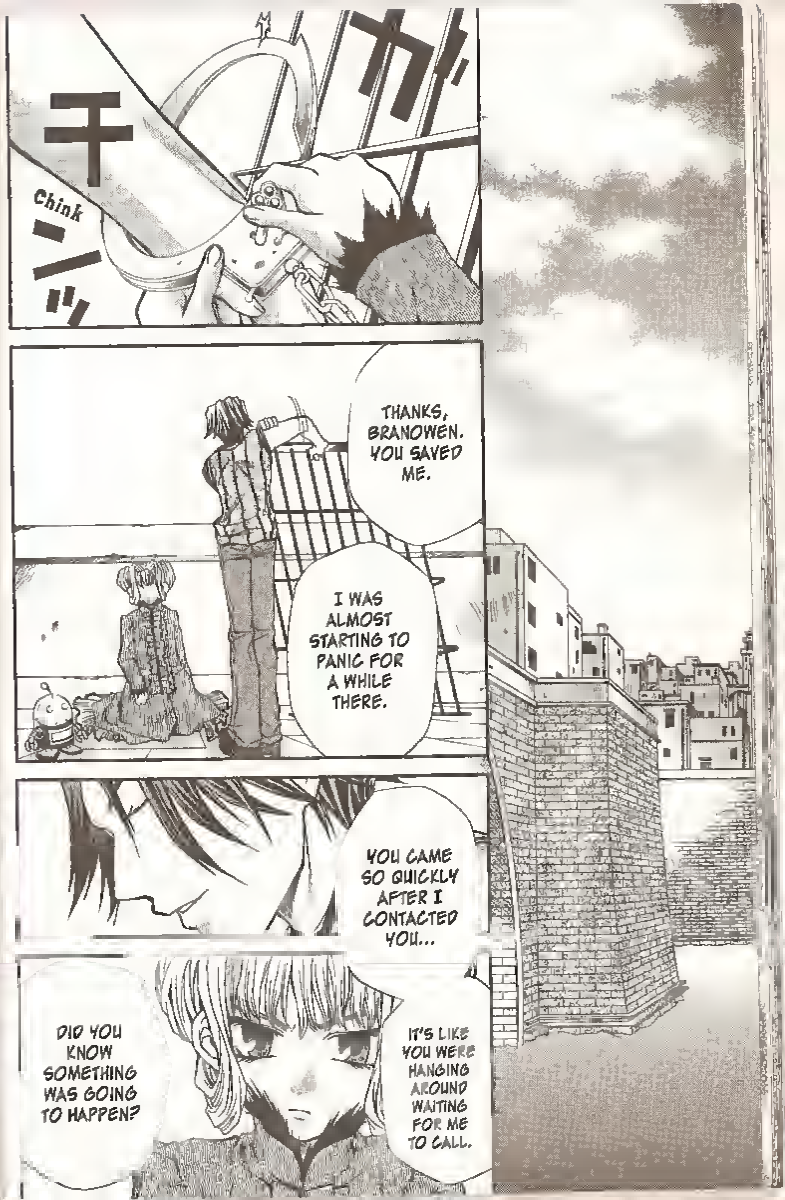

CAN I EAT THEM THEN?
I HAVE TO BE ABLE TO DO WHAT'S NECESSARY, BUT WHAT IF I CAN'T?
WHAT-EVER.
WHAT DO I DO? WHAT DO I DO?
SO ANYWAY, WANT SOME STRAW-BERRIES?
NO THANKS.
WHAT AM I GONNA DO?!
EVEN MURDER ...
TELL HIM IT'S NO SWEAT, AND LAUGH IT OFF.
EVEN IF WE FIND A HOSPITAL, THERE'S NO GUARANTEE THEY'LL HELP HIM.
DON'T LET HIM SEE YOU PANIC.
MORE THAN LIKELY, THEY'LL JUST CALL THE AUTHORITIES AND WE'LL GET ATTACKED AGAIN.
BUT IF THAT HAPPENS, I'LL DO WHATEVER I HAVE TO-- VIOLENCE, BLACKMAIL, AND EVEN...

MAYBE ITS BECAUSE I'M DIFFERENT FROM THE REST OF YOU?
DON'T BE STUPID!
.....
OR PERHAPS EVERYBODY KNEW?
HOW COME I ALWAYS GET LEFT OUT?
WHAT KIARA WAS UP TO WHILE HE WAS SUPPOSEDLY MISSING?
WHO SAID THAT YOU'RE DIFFERENT?
YOU'RE JUST MY CUTE LITTLE BROTHER!!
...OF NATSUME'S...
YOU'RE PART OF OUR...
...DEAR FAMILY.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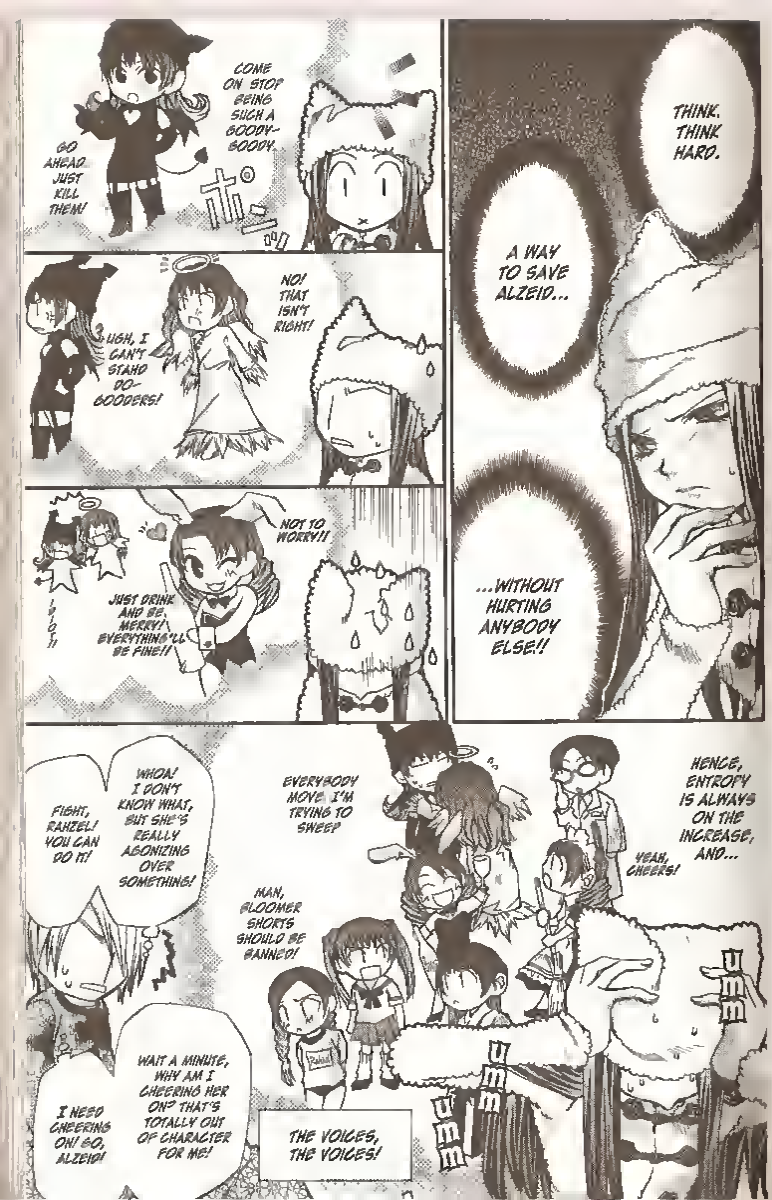
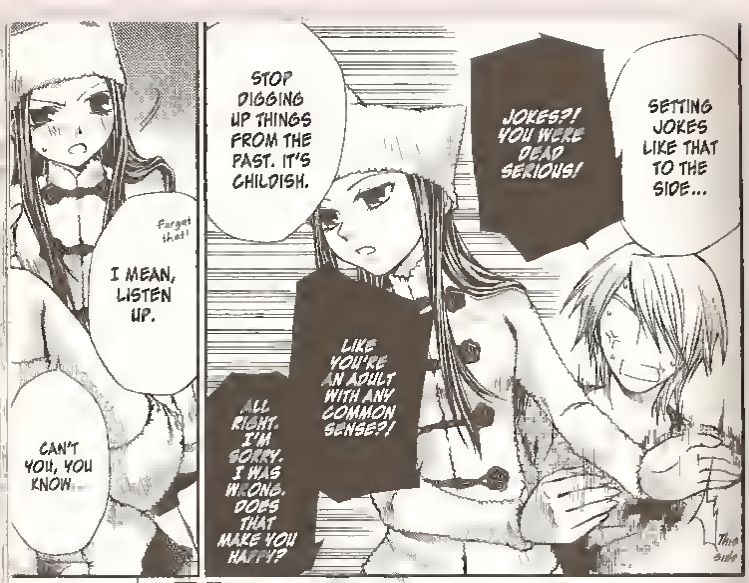
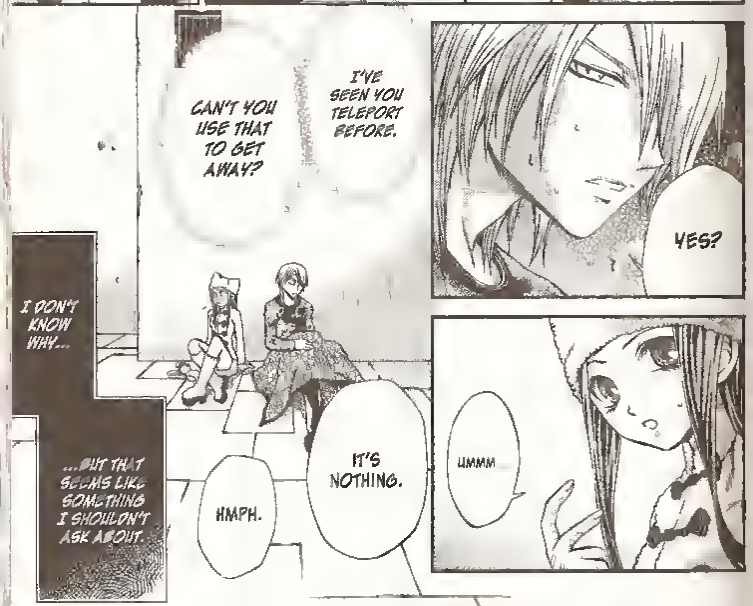
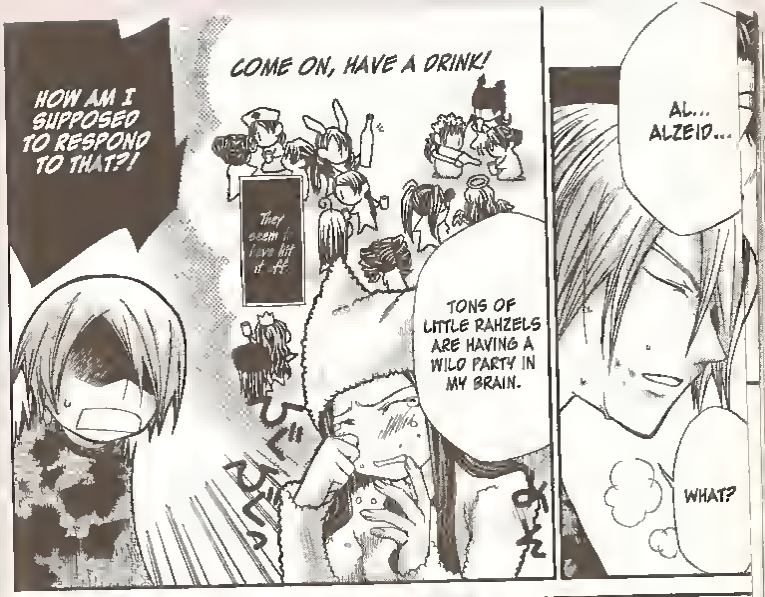
THANKS, BRANOWEN. YOU SAVED ME.
I WAS ALMOST STARTING TO PANIC FOR A WHILE THERE.
YOU CAME SO QUICKLY AFTER I CONTACTED YOU...
DID YOU KNOW SOMETHING WAS GOING TO HAPPEN?
IT'S LIKE YOU WERE HANGING AROUND WAITING FOR ME TO CALL.

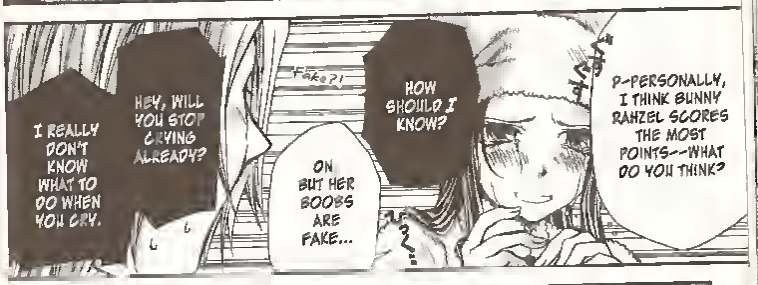

GO AHEAD. JUST KILL THEM!
COME ON! STOP BEING SUCH A GOODY-GOODY.
UGH, I CAN'T STAND DO-GOODERS!
NO! THAT ISN'T RIGHT!
JUST DRINK AND BE MERRY! EVERYTHING'LL BE FINE!!
NOT TO WORRY!!
THINK. THINK HARD.
A WAY TO SAVE ALZEID...
...WITHOUT HURTING ANYBODY ELSE!!
FIGHT, RAHZEL! YOU CAN DO IT!
WHOA! I DON'T KNOW WHAT, BUT SHE'S REALLY AGONIZING OVER SOMETHING!
I NEED CHEERING ON! GO, ALZEID!
WAIT A MINUTE, WHY AM I CHEERING HER ON? THAT'S TOTALLY OUT OF CHARACTER FOR ME!
EVERYBODY MOVE. I'M TRYING TO SWEEP
MAN, BLOOMER SHORTS SHOULD BE BANNED!
HENCE, ENTROPY IS ALWAYS ON THE INCREASE, AND...
YEAH, CHEERS!
THE VOICES, THE VOICES!
UMM
UMM
UMM

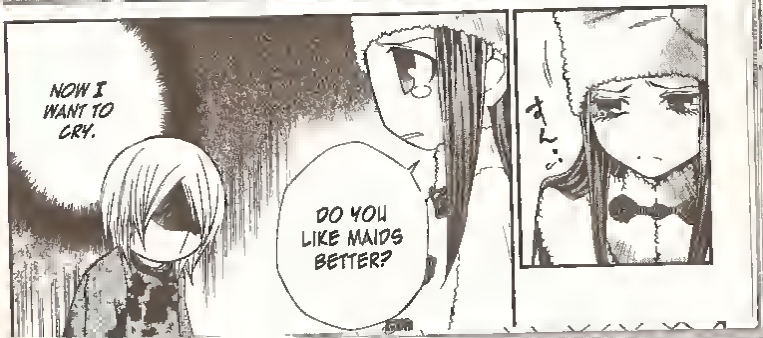
HE'S PART OF MY FAMILY, TOO.
WHEN I'M HAPPY, WHEN I'M SAD...
FAMILY...
YOU'RE RIGHT. I'M SORRY.
HE'S ALWAYS BESIDE ME.
...BUT...
WE'VE ONLY BEEN SEPARATED A FEW HOURS...
...I MISS HER.
RAHZEL.
WE'RE IN DEEP TROUBLE.
WHAT SHOULD I DO?
WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO?

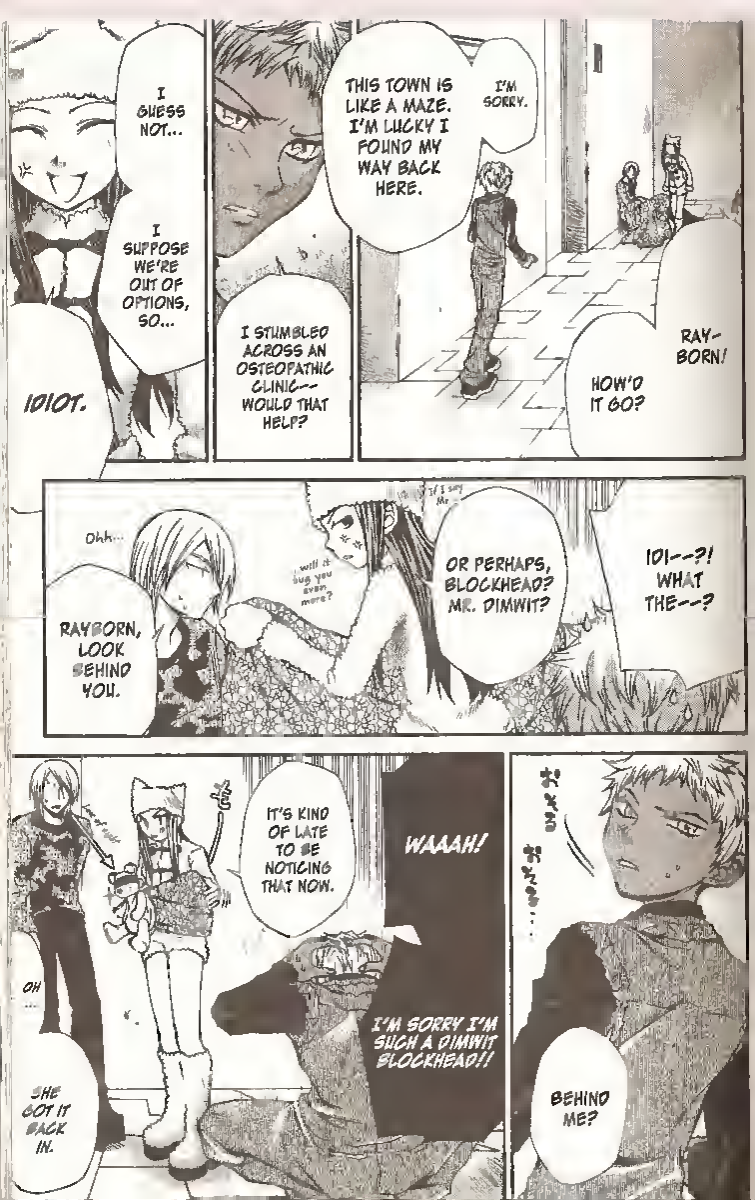

Forget that!
I MEAN, LISTEN UP.
CAN'T YOU, YOU KNOW...
STOP DIGGING UP THINGS FROM THE PAST. IT'S CHILDISH.
ALL RIGHT. I'M SORRY. I WAS WRONG. DOES THAT MAKE YOU HAPPY?
LIKE YOU'RE AN ADULT WITH ANY COMMON SENSE?!
JOKES?! YOU WERE DEAD SERIOUS!
SETTING JOKES LIKE THAT TO THE SIDE...
Thin side


CAN'T YOU USE THAT TO GET AWAY?
I'VE SEEN YOU TELEPORT BEFORE.
YES?
I DON'T KNOW WHY...
...BUT THAT SEEMS LIKE SOMETHING I SHOULDN'T ASK ABOUT.
HMPH.
IT'S NOTHING.
UMMM...


HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO RESPOND TO THAT?!
COME ON, HAVE A DRINK!
They seem to have hit it off.
TONS OF LITTLE RAHZELS ARE HAVING A WILD PARTY IN MY BRAIN.
AL... ALZEID...
WHAT?


I REALLY DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU CRY.
HEY, WILL YOU STOP CRYING ALREADY?
Fake?!
ON BUT HER BOOBS ARE FAKE...
HOW SHOULD I KNOW?
P-PERSONALLY, I THINK BUNNY RAHZEL SCORES THE MOST POINTS--WHAT DO YOU THINK?


NOW I WANT TO CRY.
DO YOU LIKE MAIDS BETTER?


I GUESS NOT...
I SUPPOSE WE'RE OUT OF OPTIONS, SO...
IDIOT.
THIS TOWN IS LIKE A MAZE. I'M LUCKY I FOUND MY WAY BACK HERE.
I'M SORRY.
I STUMBLED ACROSS AN OSTEOPATHIC CLINIC-- WOULD THAT HELP?
RAY-BORN! HOW'D IT GO?
Ohh...
RAYBORN, LOOK BEHIND YOU.
OR PERHAPS, BLOCKHEAD? MR. DIMWIT?
IDI--?! WHAT THE--?
OH...
SHE GOT IT BACK IN.
IT'S KIND OF LATE TO BE NOTICING THAT NOW.
WAAAH!
I'M SORRY I'M SUCH A DIMWIT BLOCKHEAD!!
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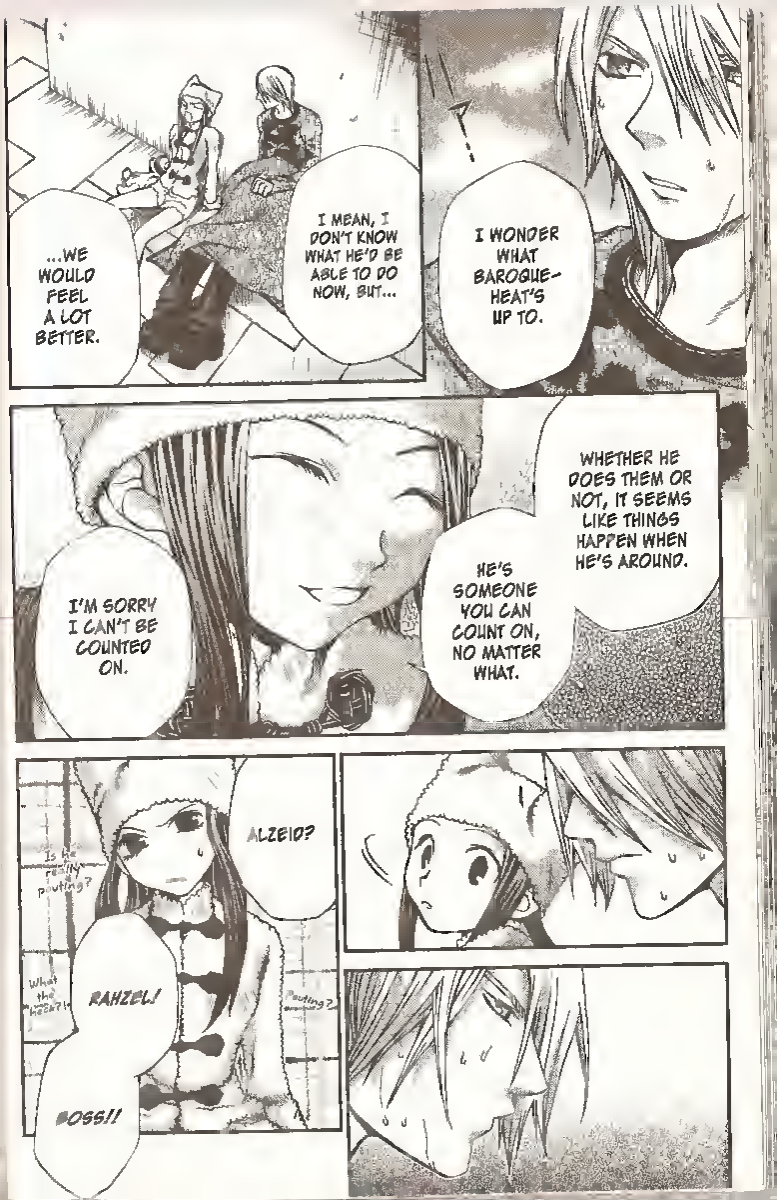
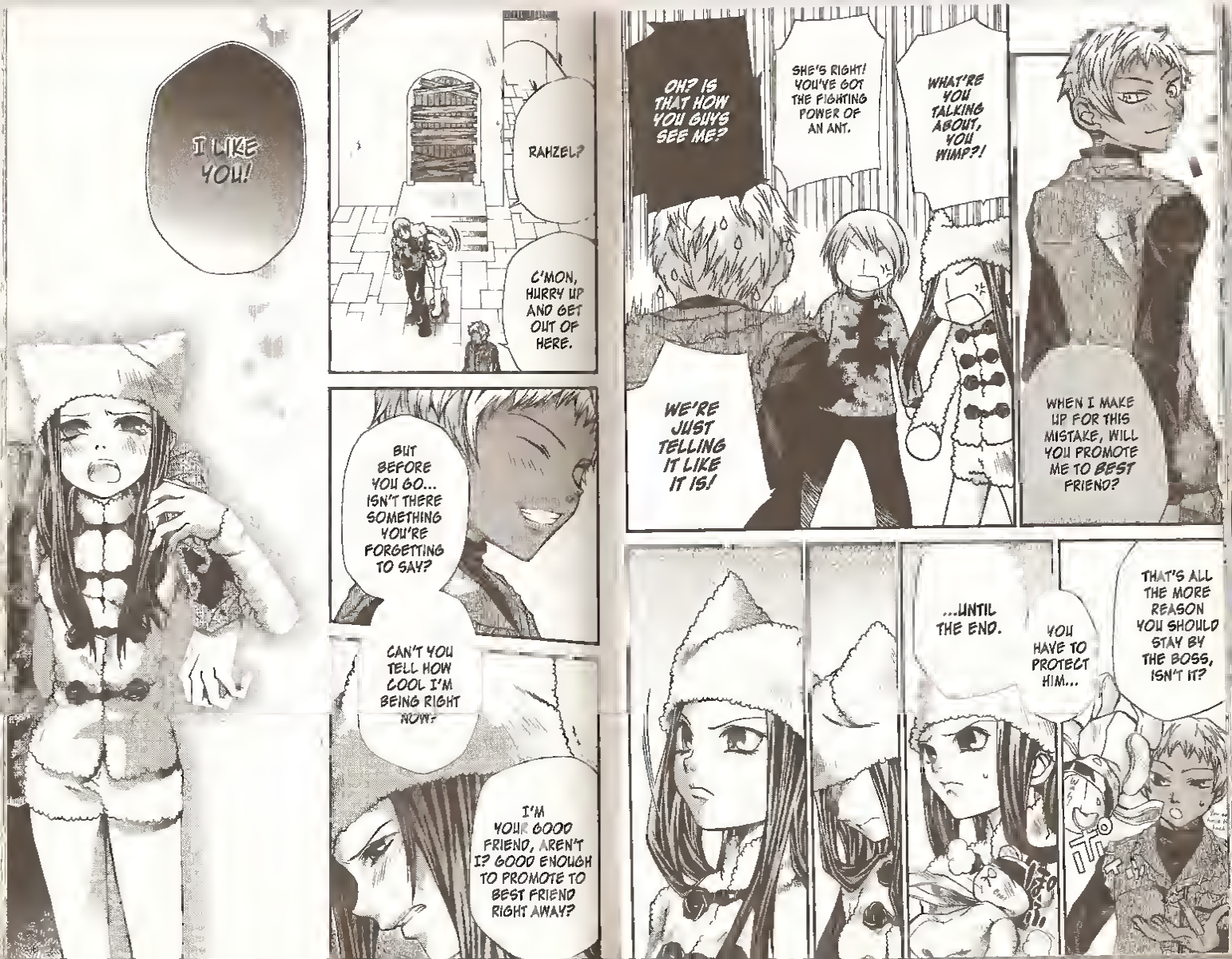
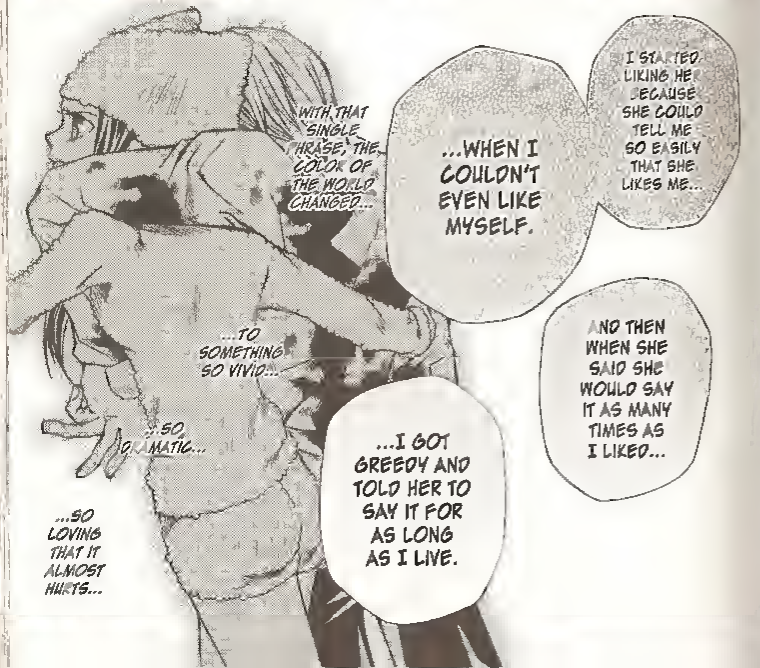
BEHIND ME?


...WE WOULD FEEL A LOT BETTER.
I MEAN, I DON'T KNOW WHAT HE'D BE ABLE TO DO NOW, BUT...
I WONDER WHAT BAROQUE-HEAT'S UP TO.
I'M SORRY I CAN'T BE COUNTED ON.
HE'S SOMEONE YOU CAN COUNT ON, NO MATTER WHAT.
WHETHER HE DOES THEM OR NOT, IT SEEMS LIKE THINGS HAPPEN WHEN HE'S AROUND.
ALZEID?
RAHZEL!
BOSS!!

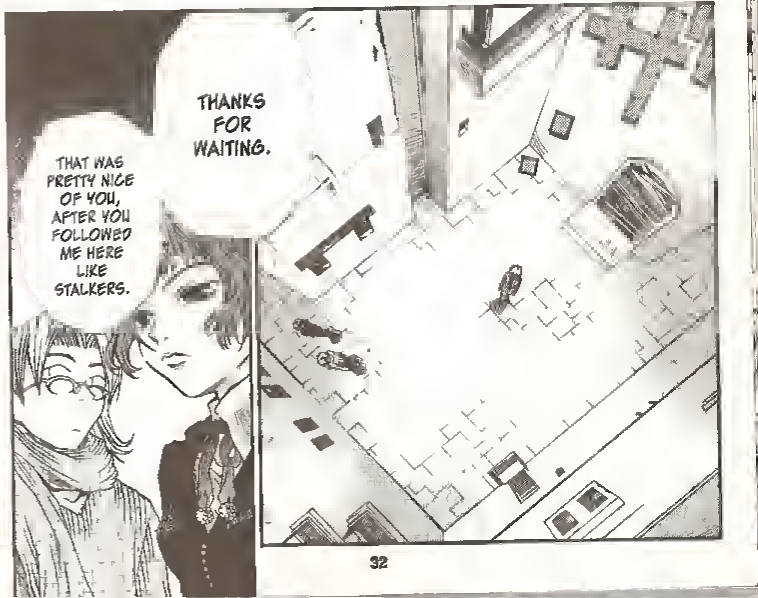
I'M GONNA BORROW THIS.
DON'T WORRY, I'LL GIVE IT BACK.
YOU FOOL! DON'T--
?
Sexual harassment?
HEY, WHAT D'YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?! DON'T TOUCH ME, WEIRDO!!
EXCUSE ME A MOMENT.
RAYBORN, WHAT THE...
H-HEY...
YEP, HERE THEY ARE...
HEY, RAHZEL, YOU GOT SPARE BULLETS AND MAGAZINES IN HERE, TOO?
YAHOO! WE'RE FRIENDS! PALS! ♫
WHAT THE HECK? IS THAT SOME NEW KIND OF THREAT?
IF I HAVE TO SAY WE'RE FRIENDS TO GET THAT BACK, THEN FINE.
BOSS...
WE'RE FRIENDS, RIGHT?
...AND RUN LIKE MAD WITH ALZEID.
RAYBORN, TAKE THIS...
YEP.
YOU'LL FIND EVERYTHING YOU'LL NEED IN THIS BAG, LIKE WATER, MEDICINE, AND STUFF.
NEVER MIND. WHAT'S DONE IS DONE BESIDES, YOU'RE GONNA MAKE UP FOR IT
MAKE UP FOR IT?
IT'S ALL IN THERE?


I LIKE YOU!
RAHZEL?
C'MON, HURRY UP AND GET OUT OF HERE.
BUT BEFORE YOU GO... ISN'T THERE SOMETHING YOU'RE FORGETTING TO SAY?
CAN'T YOU TELL HOW COOL I'M BEING RIGHT NOW?
I'M YOUR GOOD FRIEND, AREN'T I? GOOD ENOUGH TO PROMOTE TO BEST FRIEND RIGHT AWAY?
OH? IS THAT HOW YOU GUYS SEE ME?
SHE'S RIGHT! YOU'VE GOT THE FIGHTING POWER OF AN ANT.
WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT, YOU WIMP?!
WE'RE JUST TELLING IT LIKE IT IS!
WHEN I MAKE UP FOR THIS MISTAKE, WILL YOU PROMOTE ME TO BEST FRIEND?
...UNTIL THE END.
YOU HAVE TO PROTECT HIM...
THAT'S ALL THE MORE REASON YOU SHOULD STAY BY THE BOSS, ISN'T IT?

SHE'S A FRIEND, IDIOT.
OLD MEN HAVE SUCH DIRTY MINDS.
IS SHE YOUR GIRL-FRIEND?
HOW SWEET TO HEAR SOMEONE SAY "I LIKE YOU."
WE FELT SORRY FOR SOMEONE STUPID ENOUGH TO GET FOLLOWED, WHO THEN GOT CALLED A DIMWIT BLOCKHEAD...
EVEN MY ENEMIES THINK I'M PATHETIC!


WITH THAT SINGLE PHRASE, THE COLOR OF THE WORLD CHANGED...
...TO SOMETHING SO VIVID...
...SO DRAMATIC...
...SO LOVING THAT IT ALMOST HURTS...
...WHEN I COULDN'T EVEN LIKE MYSELF.
I STARTED LIKING HER BECAUSE SHE COULD TELL ME SO EASILY THAT SHE LIKES ME...
AND THEN WHEN SHE SAID SHE WOULD SAY IT AS MANY TIMES AS I LIKED...
...I GOT GREEDY AND TOLD HER TO SAY IT FOR AS LONG AS I LIVE.

WELL, THERE THEY GO.
THANK YOU.


THANKS FOR WAITING.
THAT WAS PRETTY NICE OF YOU, AFTER YOU FOLLOWED ME HERE LIKE STALKERS.

# Chapter 42: The Ephemeral Proposition—

BUT I CARE.
I DON'T CARE ABOUT JELICE, BUT...
BESIDES, YOU COULD HAVE GIVEN YOUR COLD TO YOUR FRIENDS.
IF YOU HADN'T PUSHED YOURSELF SO HARD, YOU MIGHT HAVE RECOVERED IN TIME FOR SPORTS DAY.
BUT WE WERE PRACTICING FOR SPORTS DAY TODAY
YOU KNOW IT'S BECAUSE YOU FORCED YOURSELF TO GO TO SCHOOL, DON'T YOU?
YOU NEED TO LEARN TO PRIORITIZE, RAHZEL.
YOU CAN'T BLAME IT ALL ON ME, LITTLE GIRL
...AND THEN WHEN I GOT BACK, JELICE MADE ME HELP HIM AND WORKED ME LIKE A SLAVE.
AND THEN I'D PROMISED TO GO SHOPPING WITH MY FRIENDS...
It's Jelice's fault huh?

COME ON, GIVE HER A BREAK.
ANYWAY, SHE'LL STILL GET OVER HER COLD IN TIME FOR SPORTS DAY.
SHE'LL MANAGE TO DO IT ALL, EVEN WITHOUT PRIORITIZING

## Part 7: The Silent Compass Speaks Not

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NOW THEN, IN ORDER TO GET PROMOTED TO BEST FRIEND STATUS...
SO—!
...I, RAYBORN DIORTE...
...SHALL KEEP YOU HERE UNTIL THEY GET AWAY.
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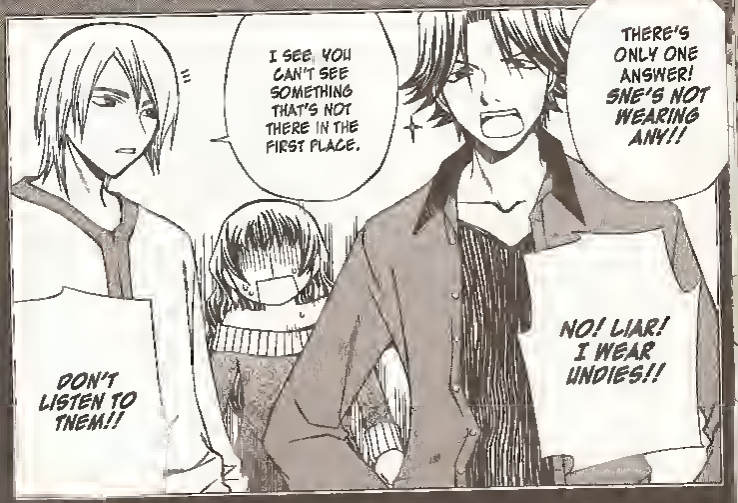
I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU'D TELL US SOMETHING SO EMBARRASSING.
THE WORDS TO ADEQUATELY EXPRESS MY GRATITUDE.
IT'S ALL PART OF MY STRATEGY.
...DO NOT EXIST.
QUITE.
DOESN'T IT IRRITATE YOU TO HEAR ABOUT OTHER PEOPLE'S LOVE LIVES?

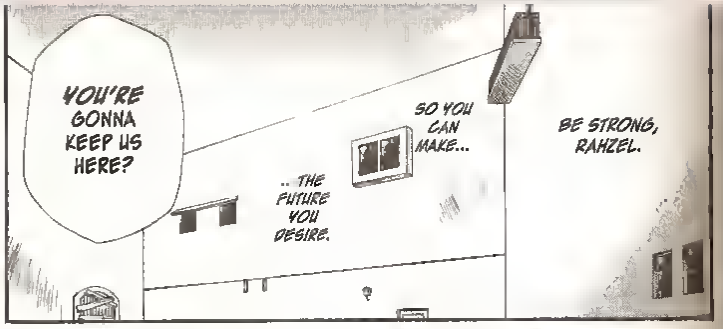
snap
THERE.
I DID FIX YOUR BROKEN RIB AND THE GASH ON YOUR LEG, DIDN'T I?
ENDURING YOUR INJURIES IS PART OF YOUR TRAINING.
DAD. CAN'T YOU JUST USE MAGIC TO HEAL THIS?
IT'S EMBARRASSING TO GO TO SCHOOL ALL BEAT UP LIKE THIS.
BESIDES..
I DON'T LIKE PAIN.
AN HA HA! THAT MUST'VE BEEN A BOTHER!
IT'S NOT FUNNY.
WE HAD A PHYSICAL AT SCHOOL LAST WEEK, AND THEY SAW ALL MY BRUISES.
I HAD TO TALK TO THE PRINCIPAL, 'CAUSE THEY THOUGHT I'D BEEN ABUSED.

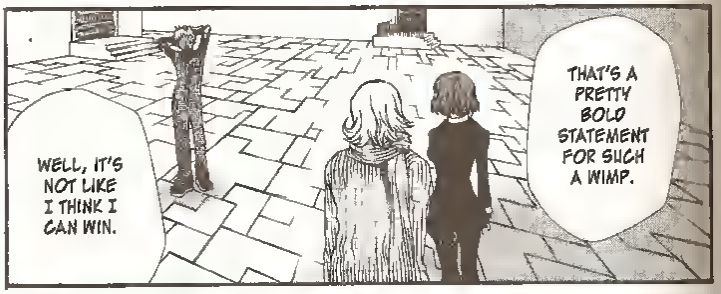
# Dazzle Q&A

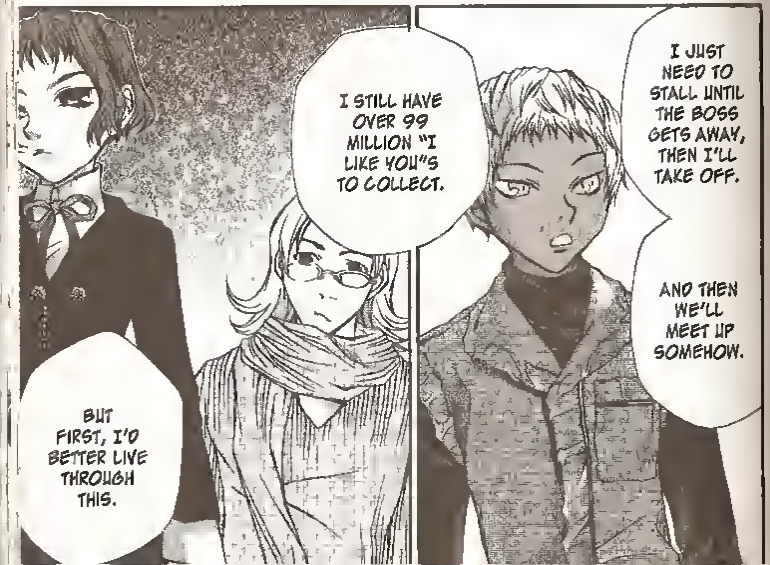
Q: How come you never see Rahzel's undies, even when she's wearing a miniskirt?

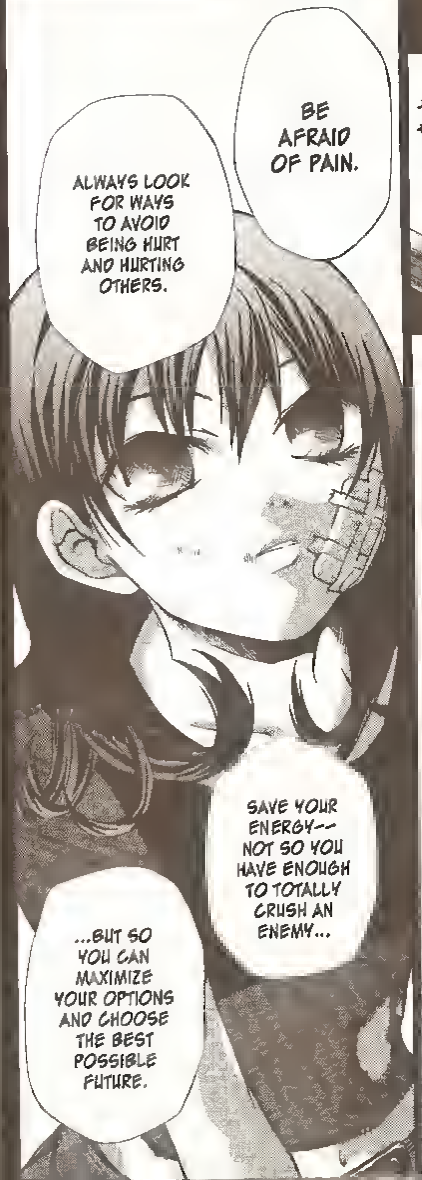

I SEE. YOU CAN'T SEE SOMETHING THAT'S NOT THERE IN THE FIRST PLACE.
THERE'S ONLY ONE ANSWER! SHE'S NOT WEARING ANY!!
DON'T LISTEN TO THEM!!
NO! LIAR! I WEAR UNDIES!!

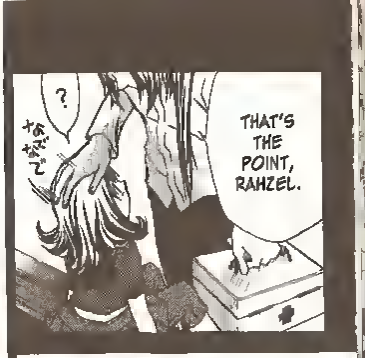
I look forward to your questions.


YOU'RE GONNA KEEP US HERE?
.. THE FUTURE YOU DESIRE.
SO YOU CAN MAKE...
BE STRONG, RAHZEL.


WELL, IT'S NOT LIKE I THINK I CAN WIN.
THAT'S A PRETTY BOLD STATEMENT FOR SUCH A WIMP.


I STILL HAVE OVER 99 MILLION "I LIKE YOU"S TO COLLECT.
I JUST NEED TO STALL UNTIL THE BOSS GETS AWAY, THEN I'LL TAKE OFF.
AND THEN WE'LL MEET UP SOMEHOW.
BUT FIRST, I'D BETTER LIVE THROUGH THIS.


BE AFRAID OF PAIN.
ALWAYS LOOK FOR WAYS TO AVOID BEING HURT AND HURTING OTHERS.
SAVE YOUR ENERGY--- NOT SO YOU HAVE ENOUGH TO TOTALLY CRUSH AN ENEMY...
...BUT SO YOU CAN MAXIMIZE YOUR OPTIONS AND CHOOSE THE BEST POSSIBLE FUTURE.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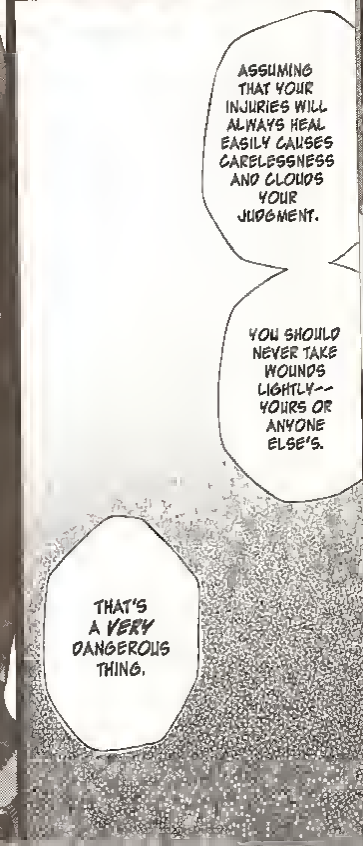
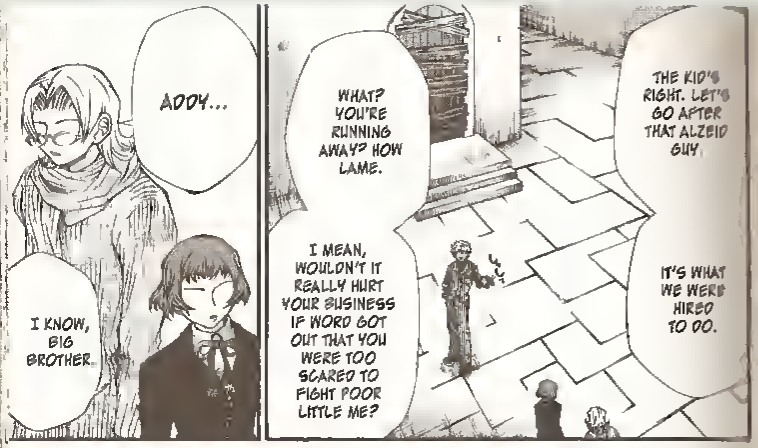
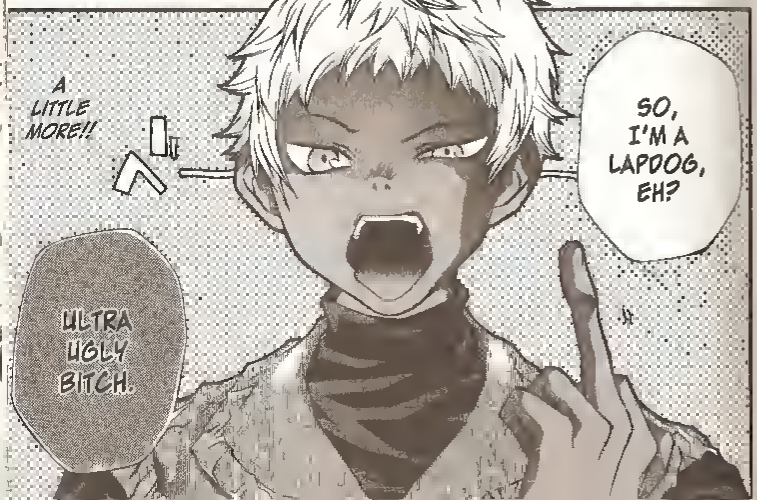
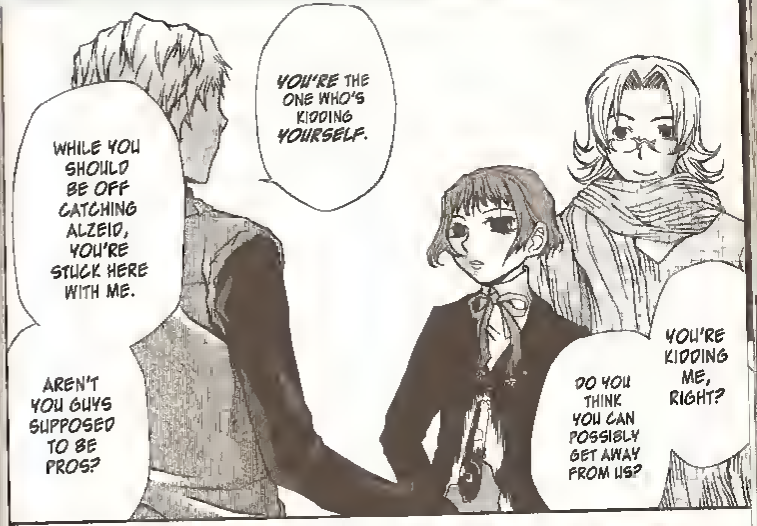
THAT'S THE POINT, RAHZEL.


ASSUMING THAT YOUR INJURIES WILL ALWAYS HEAL EASILY CAUSES CARELESSNESS AND CLOUDS YOUR JUDGMENT.
YOU SHOULD NEVER TAKE WOUNDS LIGHTLY--- YOURS OR ANYONE ELSE'S.
THAT'S A *VERY* DANGEROUS THING.


ADDY...
I KNOW, BIG BROTHER.
WHAT? YOU'RE RUNNING AWAY? HOW LAME.
I MEAN, WOULDN'T IT REALLY HURT YOUR BUSINESS IF WORD GOT OUT THAT YOU WERE TOO SCARED TO FIGHT POOR LITTLE ME?
THE KID'S RIGHT. LET'S GO AFTER THAT ALZEID GUY.
IT'S WHAT WE WERE HIRED TO DO.

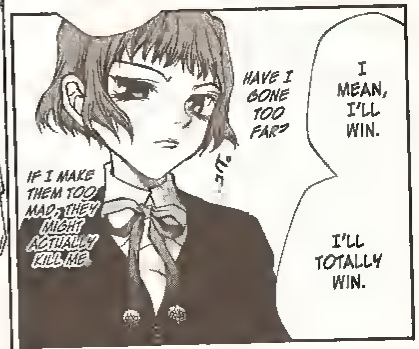
SIS, YOUR WORDS SAY ONE THING, BUT YOUR FACE SAYS ANOTHER.
THERE I'M GETTING TO HIT!!
HEE HEE HEE HOO!
WHO WOULD?!
I MIGHT FEEL SORRY FOR HIM, BUT I WOULDN'T LET HIM GET THE BETTER OF ME.
HE'S JUST A YAPPY LITTLE LAPDOG.


A LITTLE MORE!!
ULTRA UGLY BITCH.
SO, I'M A LAPDOG, EH?

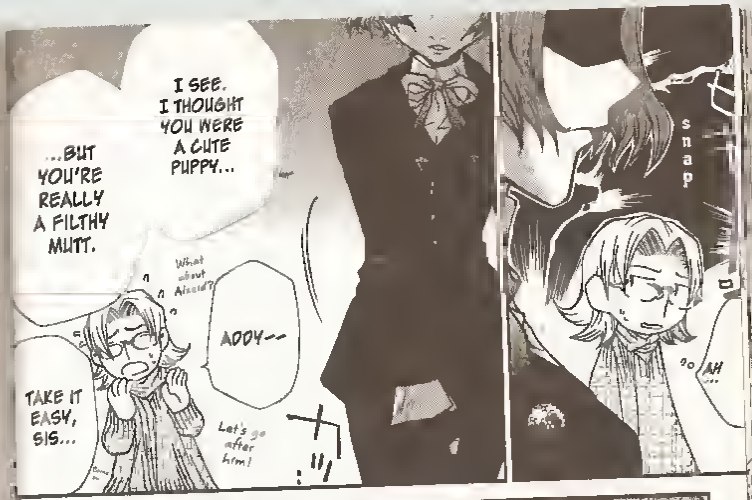

YOU'RE THE ONE WHO'S KIDDING YOURSELF.
WHILE YOU SHOULD BE OFF CATCHING ALZEID, YOU'RE STUCK HERE WITH ME.
AREN'T YOU GUYS SUPPOSED TO BE PROS?
DO YOU THINK YOU CAN POSSIBLY GET AWAY FROM US?
YOU'RE KIDDING ME, RIGHT?

BUT I HAVE TO KEEP THEM OCCUPIED SOMEHOW.
.....
DON'T LET HIM GET TO YOU, ADDY.

OH DEAR. I MIGHT END UP WINNING THIS AFTER ALL.


IF I MAKE THEM TOO MAD, THEY MIGHT ACTUALLY KILL ME.
HAVE I GONE TOO FAR?
I MEAN, I'LL WIN.
I'LL TOTALLY WIN.

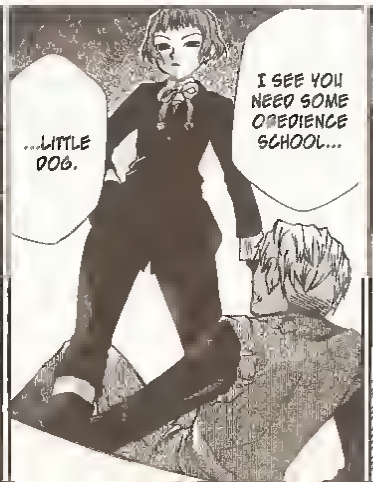
Trip


I SEE. I THOUGHT YOU WERE A CUTE PUPPY...
...BUT YOU'RE REALLY A FILTHY MUTT.
What about Alcid?
ADDY--
TAKE IT EASY, SIS...
Let's go after him!
snap
AH...

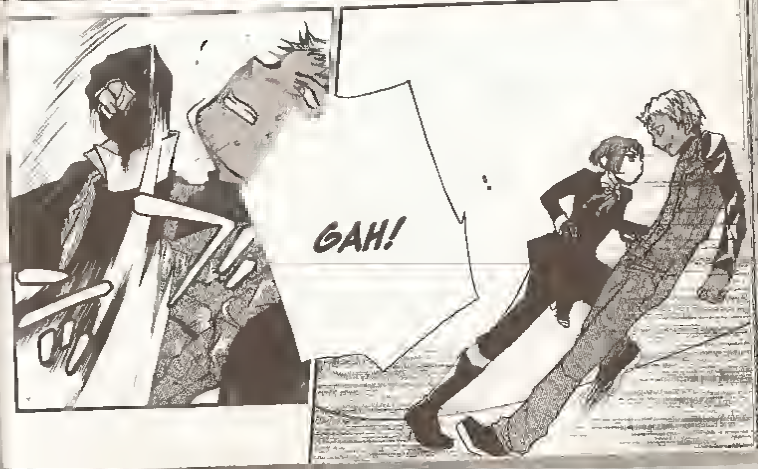
Siiigh...
wham

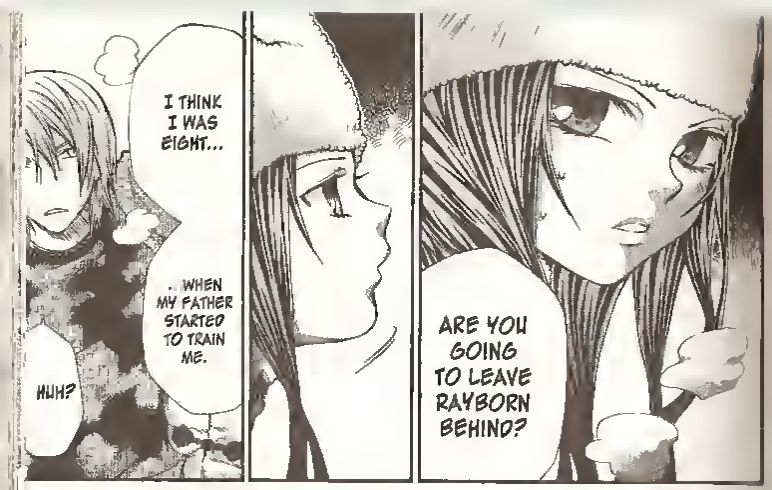
OH YEAH?

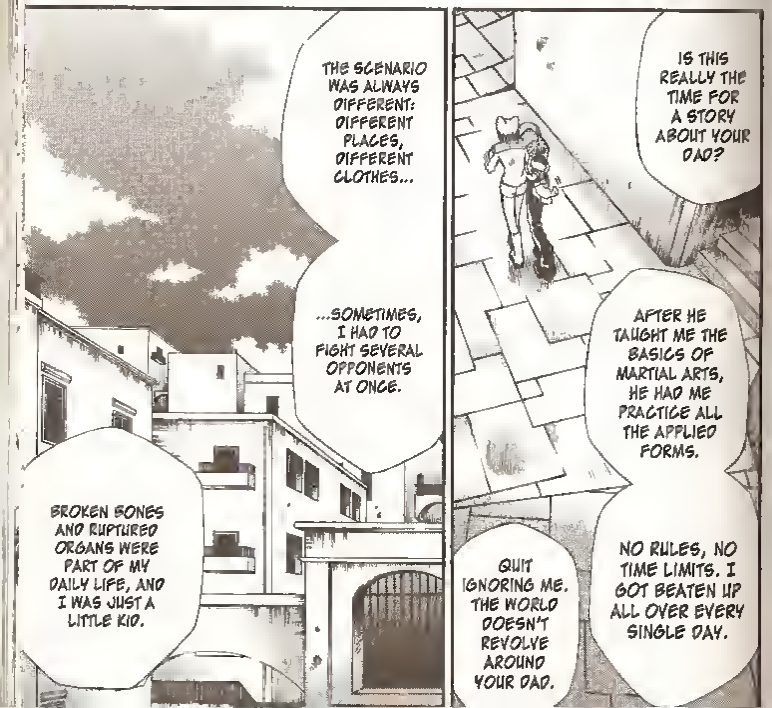
GO...
GO EASY ON ME, WILL YA?
SHO-CASS!
I'M IN TROUBLE
(SO-)

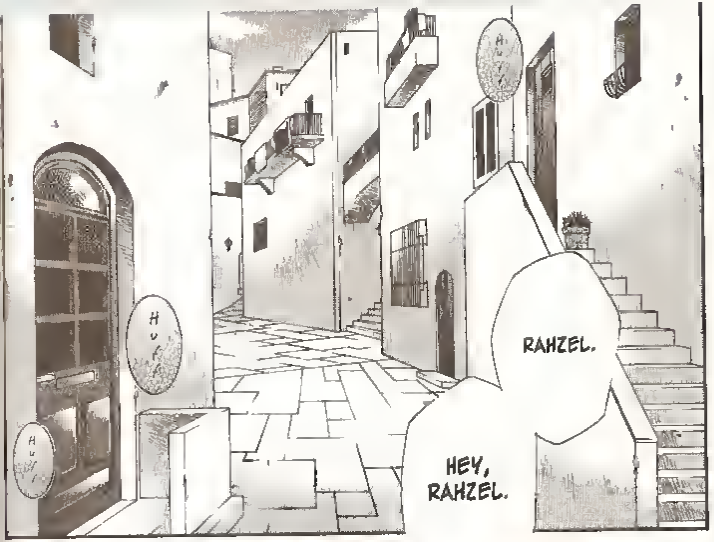

...LITTLE DOG.
I SEE YOU NEED SOME OBEDIENCE SCHOOL...

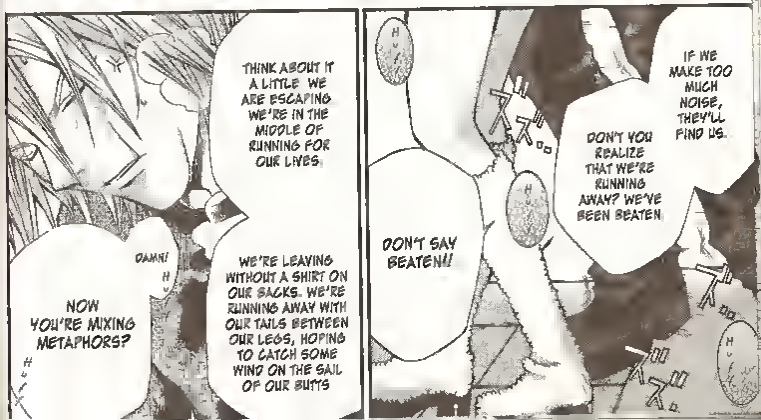
OW OW OW OW OW OW OW OW!


GAH!

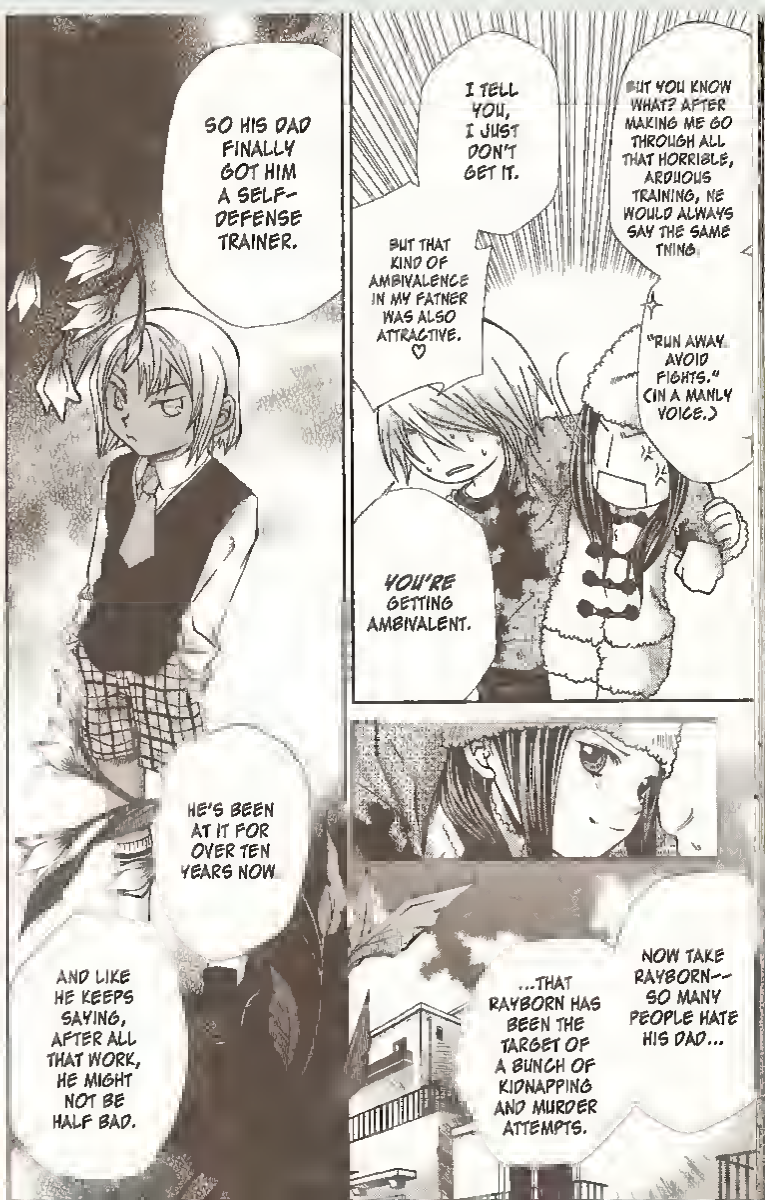

I THINK I WAS EIGHT...
.. WHEN MY FATHER STARTED TO TRAIN ME.
HUH?
ARE YOU GOING TO LEAVE RAYBORN BEHIND?


THE SCENARIO WAS ALWAYS DIFFERENT: DIFFERENT PLACES, DIFFERENT CLOTHES...
...SOMETIMES, I HAD TO FIGHT SEVERAL OPPONENTS AT ONCE.
BROKEN BONES AND RUPTURED ORGANS WERE PART OF MY DAILY LIFE, AND I WAS JUST A LITTLE KID.
IS THIS REALLY THE TIME FOR A STORY ABOUT YOUR DAD?
AFTER HE TAUGHT ME THE BASICS OF MARTIAL ARTS, HE HAD ME PRACTICE ALL THE APPLIED FORMS.
NO RULES, NO TIME LIMITS. I GOT BEATEN UP ALL OVER EVERY SINGLE DAY.
QUIT IGNORING ME. THE WORLD DOESN'T REVOLVE AROUND YOUR DAD.


RAHZEL.
HEY, RAHZEL.
BE QUIET.
ANSWER ME, RAHZEL.
DO YOU HEAR ME?


THINK ABOUT IT A LITTLE WE ARE ESCAPING WE'RE IN THE MIDDLE OF RUNNING FOR OUR LIVES.
WE'RE LEAVING WITHOUT A SHIRT ON OUR SACKS. WE'RE RUNNING AWAY WITH OUR TAILS BETWEEN OUR LEGS, HOPING TO CATCH SOME WIND ON THE SAIL OF OUR BUTTS
DAMN!
NOW YOU'RE MIXING METAPHORS?
IF WE MAKE TOO MUCH NOISE, THEY'LL FIND US.
DON'T YOU REALIZE THAT WE'RE RUNNING AWAY? WE'VE BEEN BEATEN
DON'T SAY BEATEN!!

LEAVE HIM?! DON'T BE AN IDIOT!!
AFTER I TOSS YOU INTO SOME NOSPITAL, I'M GOING BACK TO HELP HIM!!
COME ON, YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT KID STUFF.
YOU'RE RIGHT. AND SO WAS MY FATHER.
NO AMOUNT OF PRACTICE CAN PREPARE YOU FOR YOUR FIRST REAL FIGHT.
A PERSON WHO CAN'T THINK ON HIS OWN SHOULDN'T GET INVOLVED IN LIFE AND DEATH BATTLES!!
AFTER I STARTED TRAVELING AND GOT INTO SOME REALLY DANGEROUS SITUATIONS, I FINALLY UNDERSTOOD
THERE'S NO WAY HE CAN WIN.
SO JUST SHUT UP AND WALK.
PLEASE...
I'M SORRY I CAN'T HAVE FAITH IN YOU EVEN THOUGH WE'RE FRIENDS
I DOUBT HE CAN EVEN GET AWAY.
I CAN ONLY HOPE THE ENEMY WILL BE MORE SYMPATHETIC THAN THEY LOOK...


SO HIS DAD FINALLY GOT HIM A SELF-DEFENSE TRAINER.
HE'S BEEN AT IT FOR OVER TEN YEARS NOW.
AND LIKE HE KEEPS SAYING, AFTER ALL THAT WORK, HE MIGHT NOT BE HALF BAD.
I TELL YOU, I JUST DON'T GET IT.
BUT YOU KNOW WHAT? AFTER MAKING ME GO THROUGH ALL THAT HORRIBLE, ARDUOUS TRAINING, HE WOULD ALWAYS SAY THE SAME THING.
BUT THAT KIND OF AMBIVALENCE IN MY FATHER WAS ALSO ATTRACTIVE. ♡
"RUN AWAY. AVOID FIGHTS." (IN A MANLY VOICE.)
YOU'RE GETTING AMBIVALENT.
...THAT RAYBORN HAS BEEN THE TARGET OF A BUNCH OF KIDNAPPING AND MURDER ATTEMPTS.
NOW TAKE RAYBORN-- SO MANY PEOPLE HATE HIS DAD...

DON'T AGREE WITH ME!!
こくり。
nod
Terribly gentle eyes.
THAT SKILL IS A PREREQUISITE FOR BEING A HEROINE, DAMMIT. MASTER IT NOW!!
CAN'T YOU TAKE A HINT?!
THIS IS YOUR CUE TO RUN OFF IN A TOUCHING DISPLAY OF TRUST, SHOWING SOME CONCERN WITH A MYSTERIOUS PARTING STATEMENT LIKE, "I SEE," OR "I BELIEVE YOU, MEOW☆."
DON'T BE ABSURD, DARLING!!
That's as far as she'll let herself go.
EVEN IF YOU'RE WOUNDED, THERE ARE LIMITS TO WHAT I'LL LET YOU GET AWAY WITH.
WHAT'S THE POINT OF BEING MYSTERIOUS?!
RAHZEL!!
ピク!
I'LL PLAY ALONG WITH ALL YOUR STUPID IDIOSYNCRASIES LATER, BUT RIGHT NOW, LET'S JUST GET AWAY.

GO HELP HIM, RIGHT NOW.
YOU'RE TOO DEPRESSING TO BE AROUND RIGHT NOW.
DON'T GET HYSTERICAL.
GO.
?!
H-HYSTERICAL?! HOW DARE YOU?!
I TOLD YOU. I CAN TAKE CARE OF MYSELF.
YOU THINK I'M LYING, DON'T YOU?
YOU'RE LESS STEADY ON YOUR FEET THAN A NEWBORN COLT!
DO YOU UNDERSTAND THE SITUATION YOU'RE IN?!
YOU'RE A LOT WORSE OFF THAN RAYBORN, YOU KNOW?
SH-SHUT UP!!

I'LL TELL YOU.
HUH?
OH...THAT? IT WAS NOTHING, REALLY.
WELL, SO...
I'M LISTENING. OUT WITH IT.
SO?
UMM...M-MEOW?
YOU DON'T HAVE TO SHOUT...
I MEAN ...
NEVER MIND THAT NOW.
...ABOUT TO ASK ME SOMETHING EARLIER?
WEREN'T YOU...
LOOK AT ME.
WHAT DO YOU WANT TO KNOW, RAHZEL?
WHAT? WHY ARE YOU LOOKING AWAY?
SO ...
I WAS...

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THIS?
YEAH. DON'T MAKE THINGS
WORSE? WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
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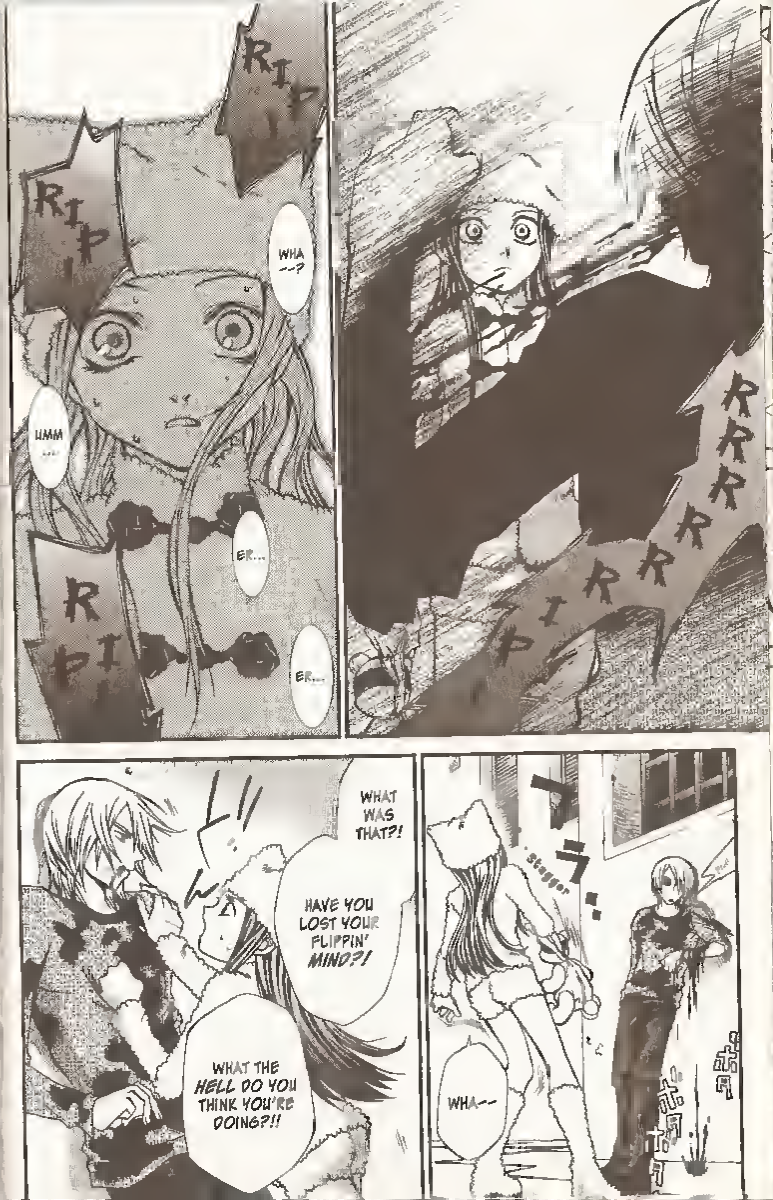
WELL, AH...


RIP
RIP
RIP
WHA--?
UMM...
ER...
ER...
RRRRRRRRR
WHAT WAS THAT?!
HAVE YOU LOST YOUR FLIPPIN' MIND?!
WHAT THE HELL DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?!!
Stagger
WHA--

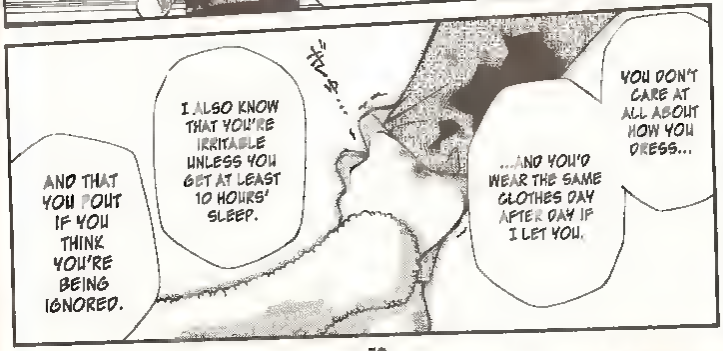
Upsy-daisy
SO NOW THAT THAT'S SETTLED, LET'S GET MOVING.
SNOOT. WE WASTED A BUNCH OF TIME.
STUPID CHICK!!
OH, THEY'RE GONE.
R-R-R-R-RA-RAHZEL?!
YOU'RE RIGHT. THE TEETH MARKS ARE DISAPPEARING.
I'M SORRY I'M HALF-ASSED! NOW JUST GET LOST! I DON'T WANT YOUR SYMPATHY!
YOU DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT ME!!
YOU LOVE SWEETS!!
I heard you
"MY WOUNDS HEAL AMAZINGLY FAST, MOMMY. BUT I CAN'T HANDLE POISON."
DID YOU EVEN HEAR A WORD I SAID?!
WHAT A HALF-ASSED CREATURE.
IT'S NOT THAT SIMPLE!
Just let me go!!

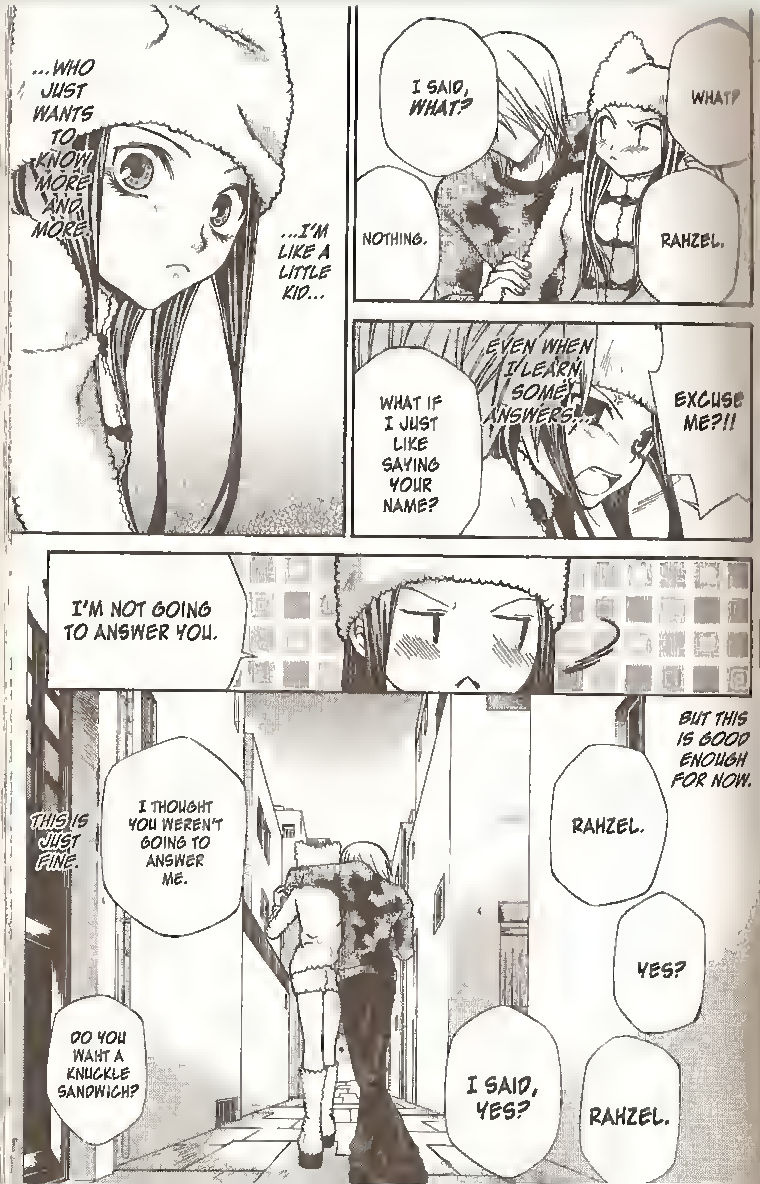
I'M A FUNDAMENTALLY DIFFERENT CREATURE THAN YOU, RAHZEL.
THOSE ARE THINGS A HUMAN CAN'T POSSIBLY DO
HEALING A WOUND INSTANTANEOUSLY AND TELEPORTING THROUGH SPACE..
DID YOU DO THAT.
USING MAGIC?
HOW DID IT LOOK TO YOU?
SO...JUST LEAVE ME ALONE.
OWAAAH ?!!
JUST LEAVE...

SO DON'T EVER TALK TO ME LIKE THAT AGAIN!!
I KNOW!
I SEE IT!
YOU CAN'T FOOL ME!!
...LIKE BAROQUEHEAT AND RAYBORN A LOT!
...YOU ACTUALLY...
AND ALSO...

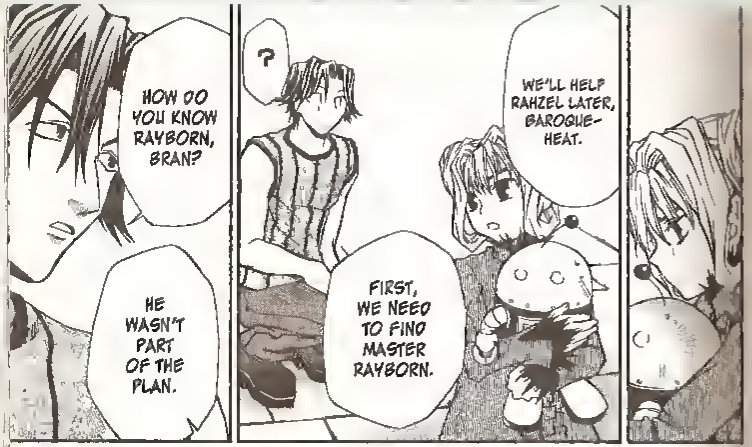
You nitwit!!
You make me laugh!
YOU DUMP AT LEAST FOUR TABLESPOONS OF SUGAR IN YOUR COCOA!!
YOU DON'T THINK I KNOW? DUMMY!
BUT SINCE YOU'RE EMBARRASSED ABOUT IT, YOU TURN YOUR BACK TO DO IT.
AND SINCE YOU CAN'T ACTUALLY DRINK HOT THINGS, YOU LOOK ANNOYED AND BLOW ON IT UNTIL IT COOLS DOWN.

YOU ALSO LIKE TO SAVE YOUR FAVORITE THING UNTIL THE END LIKE A MISER, DON'T YOU?
...BUT THERE'S A BUNCH OF STUFF YOU DON'T REALLY LIKE, LIKE CARROTS AND PEPPERS...JUST LIKE A LITTLE KID.
YOU'LL EAT EVERYTHING ON YOUR PLATE...
WHAT ?!


AND THAT YOU POUT IF YOU THINK YOU'RE BEING IGNORED.
I ALSO KNOW THAT YOU'RE IRRITABLE UNLESS YOU GET AT LEAST 10 HOURS' SLEEP.
...AND YOU'D WEAR THE SAME CLOTHES DAY AFTER DAY IF I LET YOU.
YOU DON'T CARE AT ALL ABOUT HOW YOU DRESS...

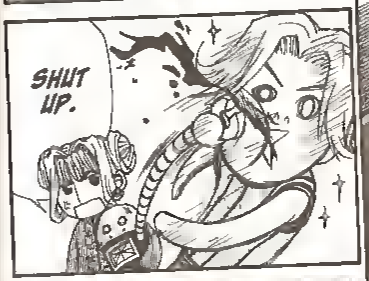

...WHO JUST WANTS TO KNOW MORE AND MORE.
...I'M LIKE A LITTLE KID...
I SAID, WHAT?
WHAT?
NOTHING.
RAHZEL.
WHAT IF I JUST LIKE SAYING YOUR NAME?
EVEN WHEN I LEARN SOME ANSWERS...
EXCUSE ME?!!
I'M NOT GOING TO ANSWER YOU.
THIS IS JUST FINE.
I THOUGHT YOU WEREN'T GOING TO ANSWER ME.
DO YOU WANT A KNUCKLE SANDWICH?
BUT THIS IS GOOD ENOUGH FOR NOW.
RAHZEL.
YES?
I SAID, YES?
RAHZEL.

ALL I NEEDED TO DO WAS TO COLLECT...
A LITTLE BIT OF TRUTH EACH DAY.
OR EVEN JUST FACIAL EXPRESSIONS.
WORDS WOULD HAVE BEEN ENOUGH.
BAROQUE-HEAT
RAHZEL HAS NEVER TALKED ABOUT ANY OF THAT SPECIFICALLY.
BUT I WATCHED... TOUCHED... LISTENED TO... EVERYTHING ABOUT RAHZEL.
I PUT EFFORT INTO GETTING TO KNOW HER.
I RESPECT YOU FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART
RAHZEL...

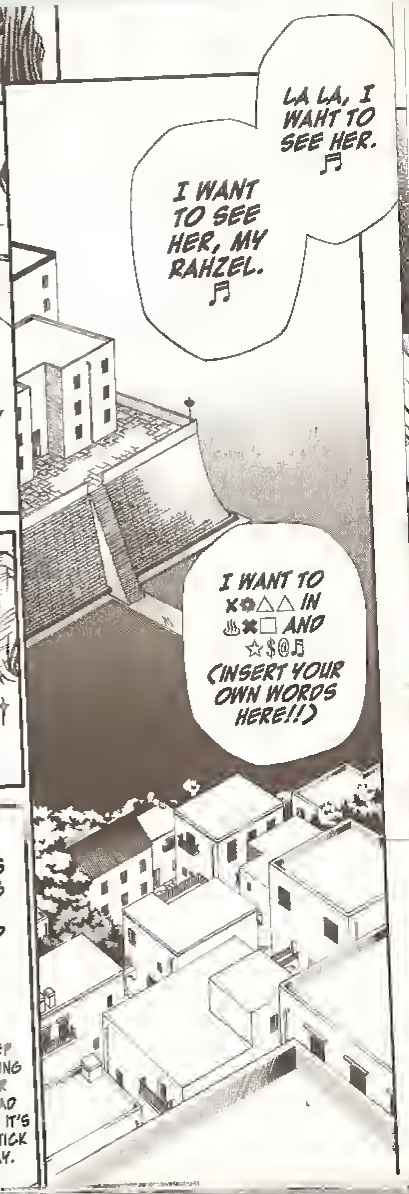

HOW DO YOU KNOW RAYBORN, BRAN?
HE WASN'T PART OF THE PLAN.
?
FIRST, WE NEED TO FIND MASTER RAYBORN.
WE'LL HELP RAHZEL LATER, BAROQUE-HEAT.

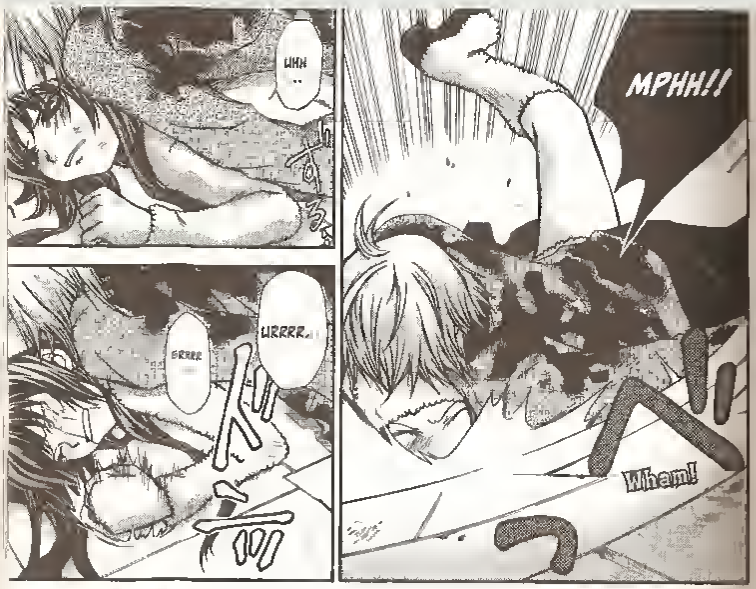
BRAN?
DON'T ASK.
I CAN'T ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS.
I DON'T INTEND TO BECOME YOUR ENEMY, BUT I CANNOT BETRAY KIARA EITHER.
YOU GUYS HAVE ESSENTIAL ROLES TO PLAY IN KIARA'S SCENARIOS.
RAHZEL, ALZEID, AND EVEN YOU...
THAT BOY'S PRESENCE... IS MERELY INCIDENTAL.

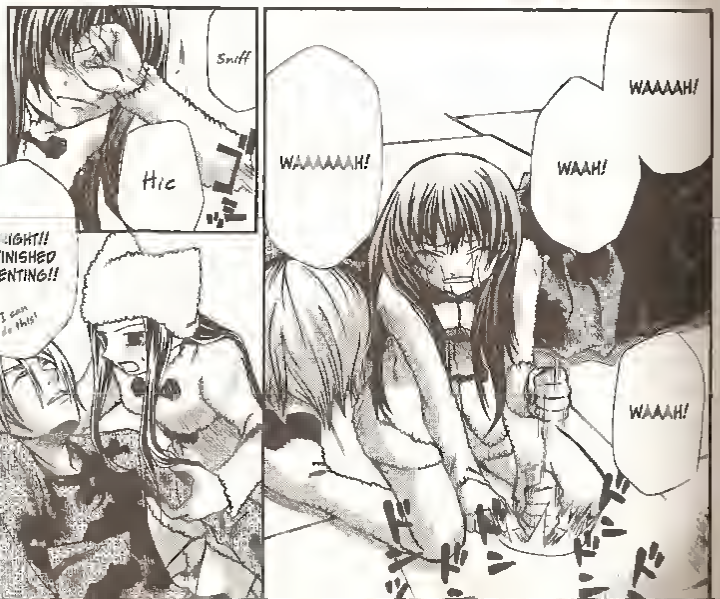
In the zone.
I WANT TO GIVE NERRRR... MY BURNING EMOTIONNNN... MY NEARRRRT... ♫
NMM...NMM! (HUMMING.)

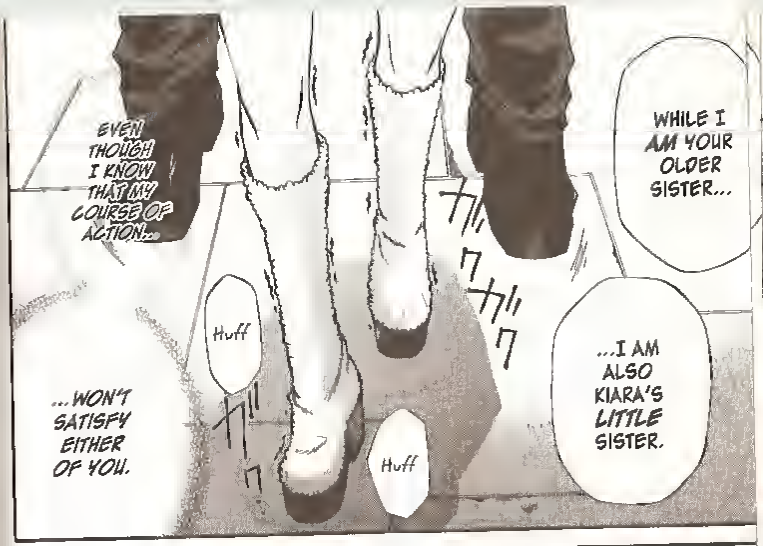

SHUT UP.

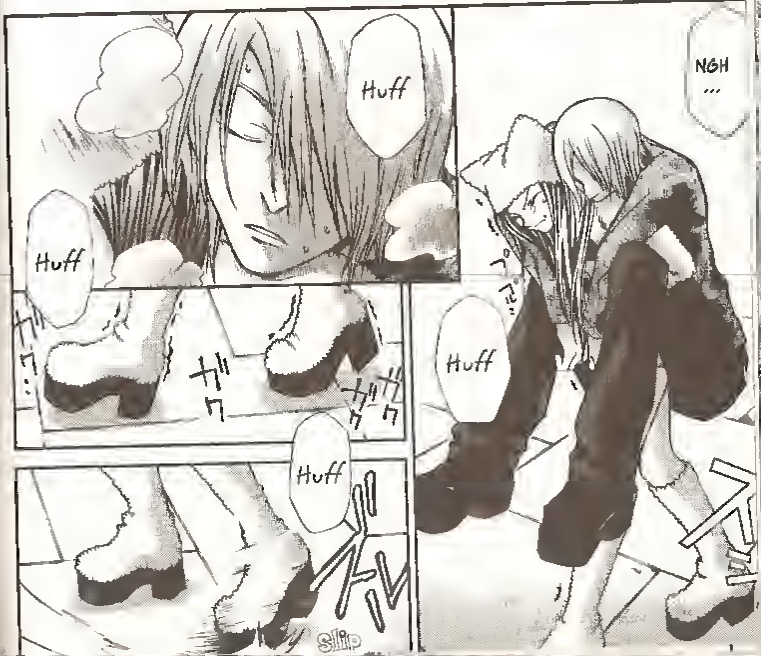
WHAT'S EATING YOU, BRAN?
IF YOU KEEP SCRUNCHING UP YOUR FOREHEAD LIKE THAT, IT'S GONNA STICK THAT WAY.


LA LA, I WANT TO SEE HER. ♫
I WANT TO SEE HER, MY RAHZEL. ♫
I WANT TO ✕✪△△ IN ♨✖□ AND ☆$@♫ (INSERT YOUR OWN WORDS HERE!!)

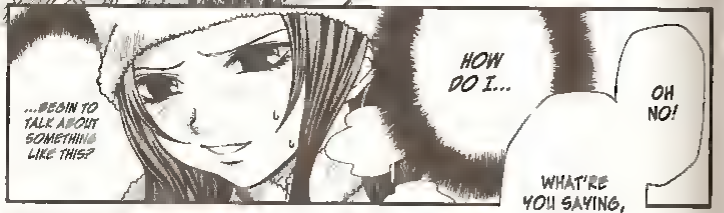

UHH..
MPHH!!
GRRRR
URRRR..
Wham!

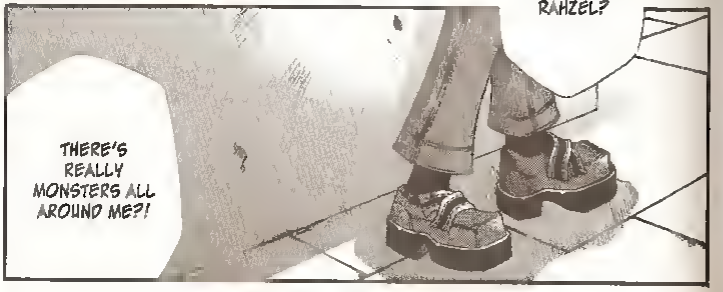

Sniff
Hic
WAAAAAH!
WAAH!
WAAAAAH!
WAAAH!
RIGHT!! FINISHED VENTING!!
I can do this!

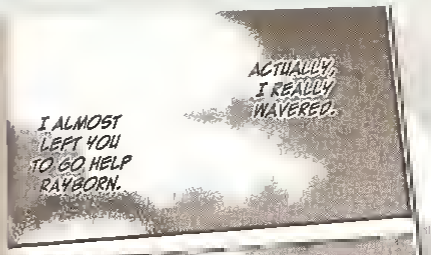

EVEN THOUGH I KNOW THAT MY COURSE OF ACTION...
...WON'T SATISFY EITHER OF YOU.
Huff
Huff
WHILE I AM YOUR OLDER SISTER...
...I AM ALSO KIARA'S LITTLE SISTER.

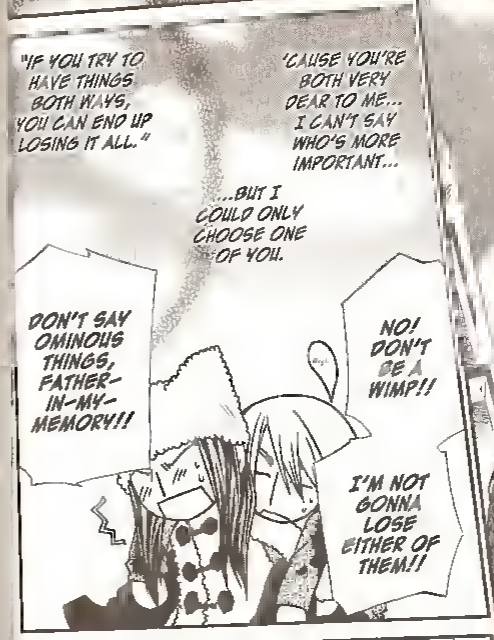

Huff
Huff
Huff
Huff
NGH...
Slip

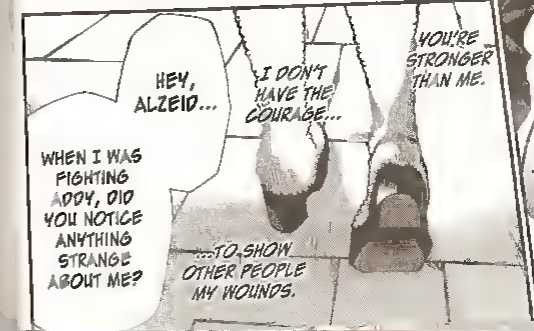
THAT ANGEL TEXT DRUG THAT DEE USED ON ME...
...IS DEFINITELY CHANGING MY BODY.
I WASN'T THAT STRONG BEFORE, WAS I?
IF YOU'RE A MONSTER...
...THEN I'M PROBABLY ONE TOO.


...BEGIN TO TALK ABOUT SOMETHING LIKE THIS?
HOW DO I...
OH NO!
WHAT'RE YOU SAYING, RAHZEL?


THERE'S REALLY MONSTERS ALL AROUND ME?!


I ALMOST LEFT YOU TO GO HELP RAYBORN.
ACTUALLY, I REALLY WAVERED.


"IF YOU TRY TO HAVE THINGS BOTH WAYS, YOU CAN END UP LOSING IT ALL."
'CAUSE YOU'RE BOTH VERY DEAR TO ME... I CAN'T SAY WHO'S MORE IMPORTANT...
...BUT I COULD ONLY CHOOSE ONE OF YOU.
DON'T SAY OMINOUS THINGS, FATHER-IN-MY-MEMORY!!
NO! DON'T BE A WIMP!!
I'M NOT GONNA LOSE EITHER OF THEM!!


HEY, ALZEID...
WHEN I WAS FIGHTING ADDY, DID YOU NOTICE ANYTHING STRANGE ABOUT ME?
I DON'T HAVE THE COURAGE...
...TO SHOW OTHER PEOPLE MY WOUNDS.
YOU'RE STRONGER THAN ME.

I'M SORRY I BROUGHT UP SUCH A DIFFICULT SUBJECT FOR YOU.
Ngh!!

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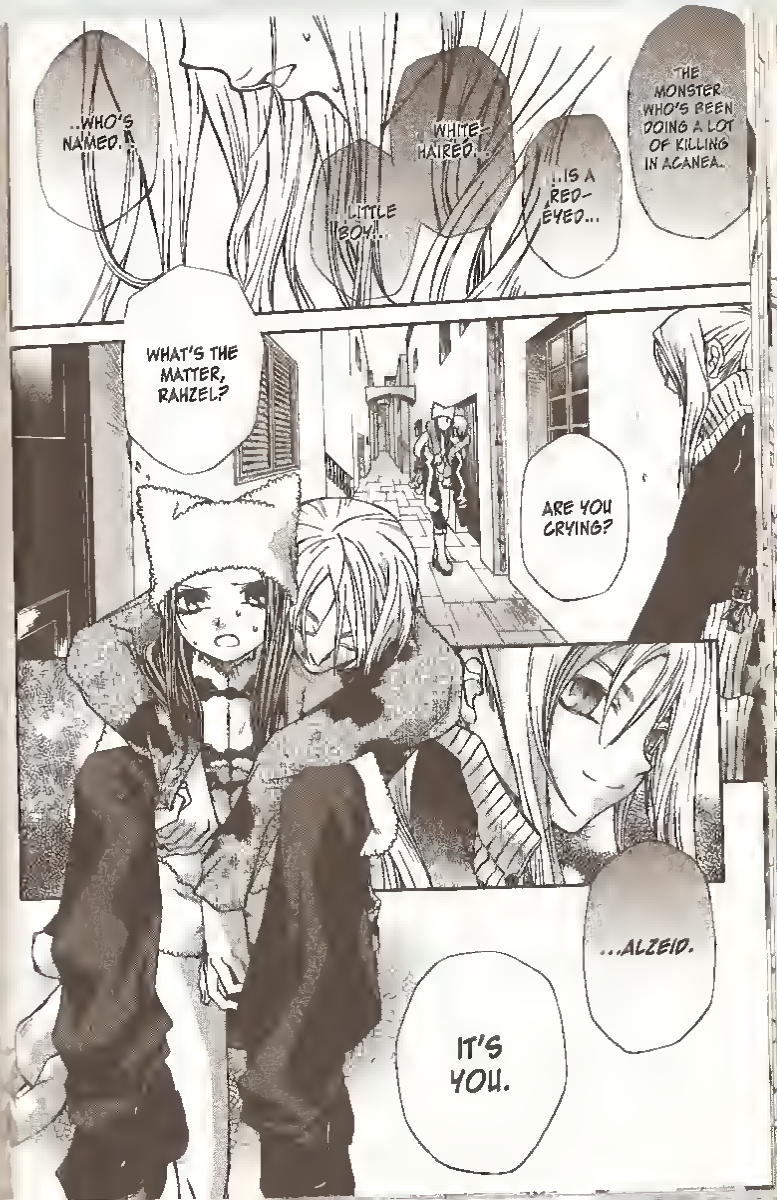
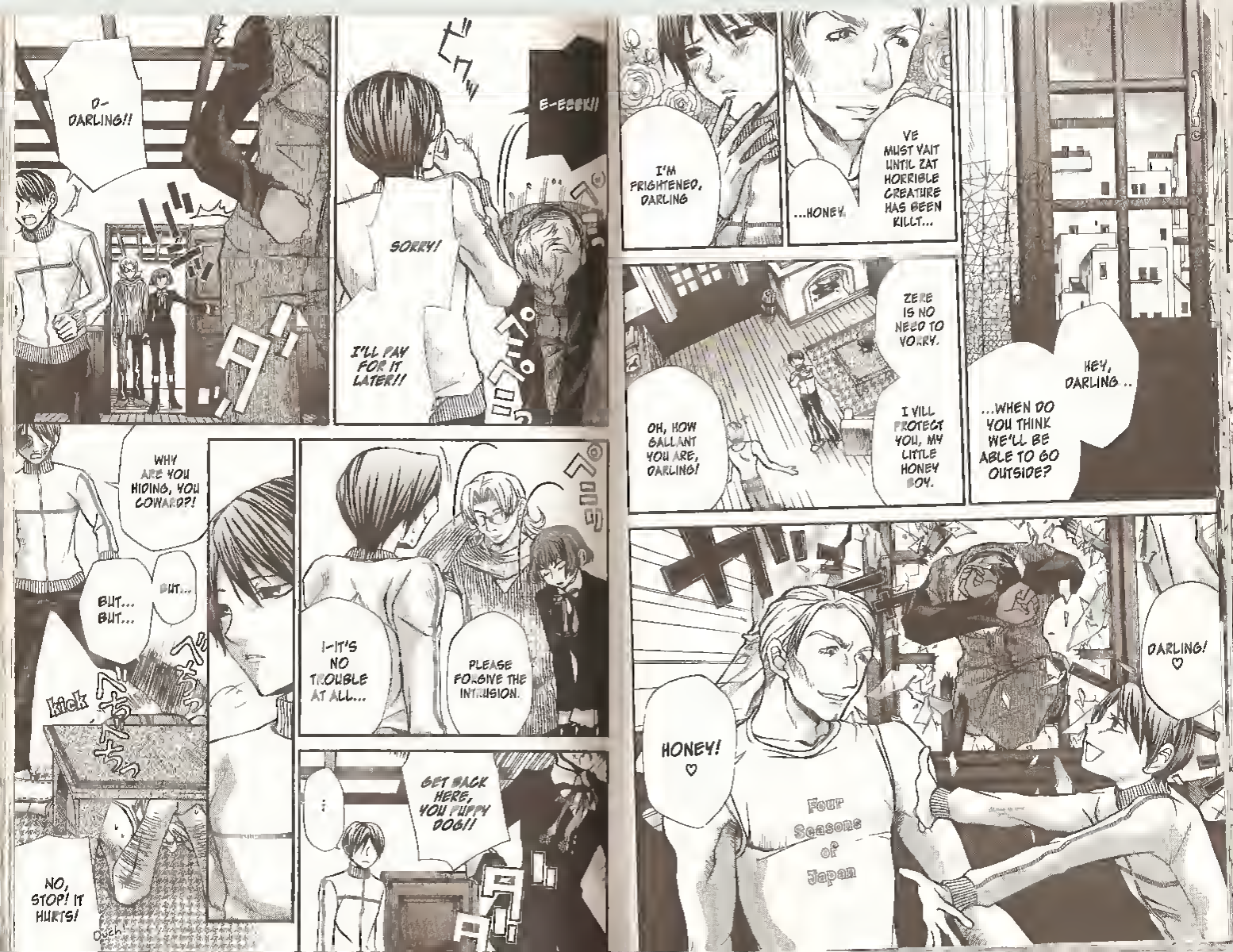
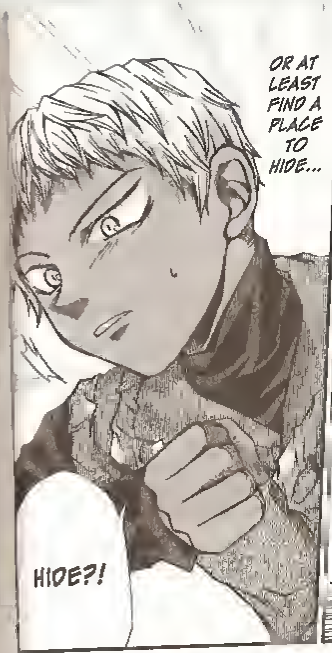


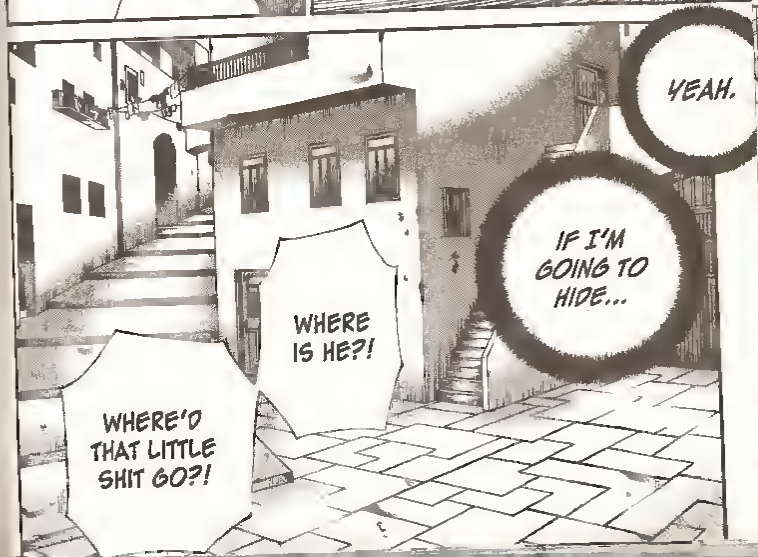

O-
DARLING!!
E-EEEK!!
SORRY!
I'LL PAY FOR IT LATER!!
WHY ARE YOU HIDING, YOU COWARD?!
BUT...
BUT...
BUT...
Kick
NO, STOP! IT HURTS!
Ouch
I-IT'S NO TROUBLE AT ALL...
PLEASE FORGIVE THE INTRUSION.
GET BACK HERE, YOU PUPPY DOG!!
I'M FRIGHTENED, DARLING
...HONEY.
VE MUST VAIT UNTIL ZAT HORRIBLE CREATURE HAS BEEN KILLT...
OH, HOW GALLANT YOU ARE, DARLING!
ZERE IS NO NEED TO VORRY.
I VILL PROTECT YOU, MY LITTLE HONEY BOY.
HEY, DARLING ..
...WHEN DO YOU THINK WE'LL BE ABLE TO GO OUTSIDE?
HONEY!
♡
DARLING!
♡
Four Seasons of Japan

SOMEONE'S OUT WALKING AROUND EVEN THOUGH THE CITY'S UNDER A STRICT CURFEW.
MAYBE WE SHOULD WARN HIM, EVEN THOUGH IT'S A HASSLE.
I WOULDN'T WANT HIM TO GET IN OUR WAY.
I AM EXPRESSING MYSELF AS NICELY AS I POSSIBLY CAN!
YOU'RE DEVELOPING A FOUL MOUTH, ADDY.
IT WOULD BE MORE POLITE TO SAY "SMALL PIECE OF EXCREMENT" OR SOMETHING.
THAT'S ODD.
AND WHEN I FIND HIM I'M GONNA STOP BEING NICE!
HE CAN'T HAVE GONE FAR.

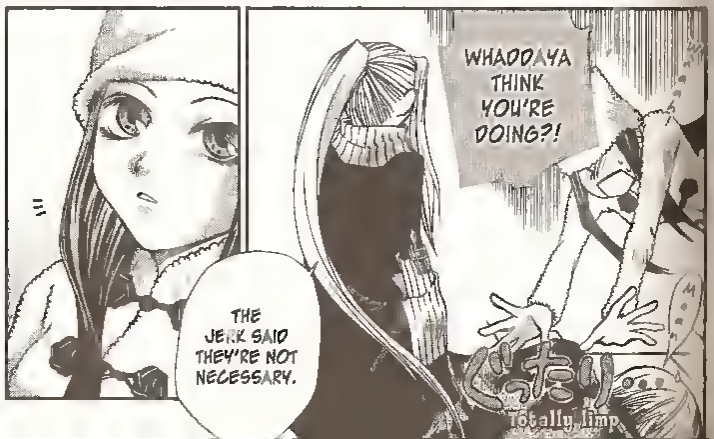
A MAN WITH A GUN RAN INTO THE HOTEL.
HE MUST BE AN ASSOCIATE OF THAT MONSTER!
?!
HEY, YOU...
I'M GLAD TO SEE YOU!!
?
ムキ...
YOU'RE THE ASSASSINS THAT THE CITY COUNCIL HIRED...
Assassins?!
THAT'S SUCH A HARSH WAY OF PUTTING IT...


OR AT LEAST FIND A PLACE TO HIDE...
HIDE?!

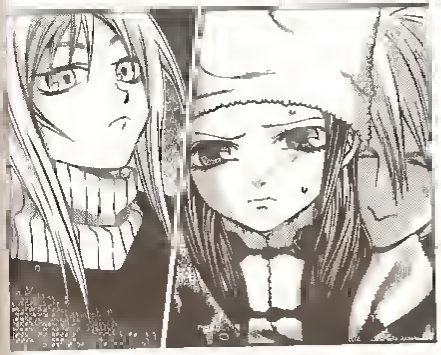
THAT GIRL'S REALLY SCARY!!
THIS SUCKS!
IS THERE ANY WAY I CAN BEAT THEM? CAN I EVEN GET AWAY?
WHAT CAN I DO?
IF I TRY TO FACE HER, I'M TOAST.

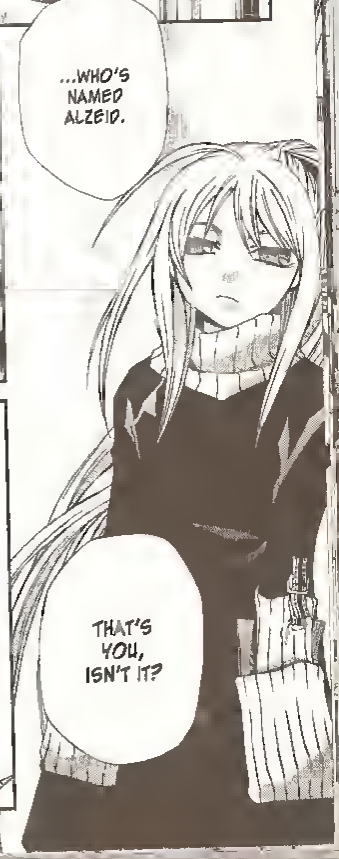

YEAH.
IF I'M GOING TO HIDE...
WHERE IS HE?!
WHERE'D THAT LITTLE SHIT GO?!

...IT'S NOT HIS NAME EITHER.
KIARA...?
AND...
WHOA!!

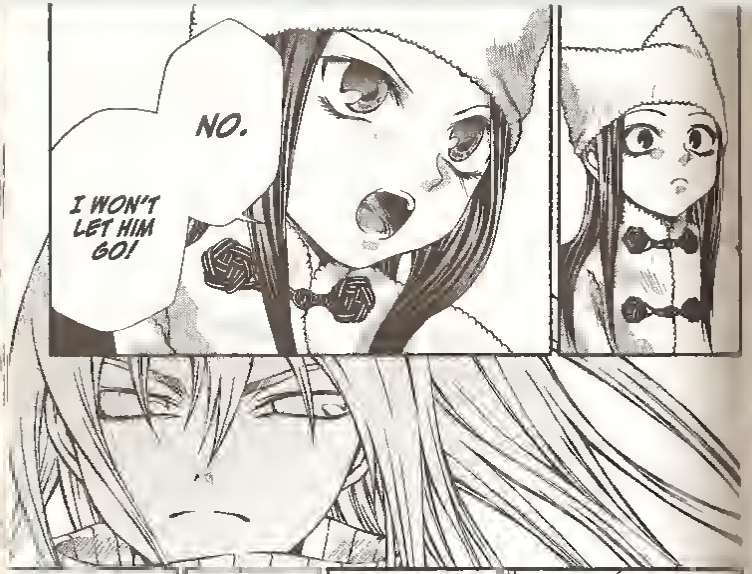

WHADDAYA THINK YOU'RE DOING?!
THE JERK SAID THEY'RE NOT NECESSARY.

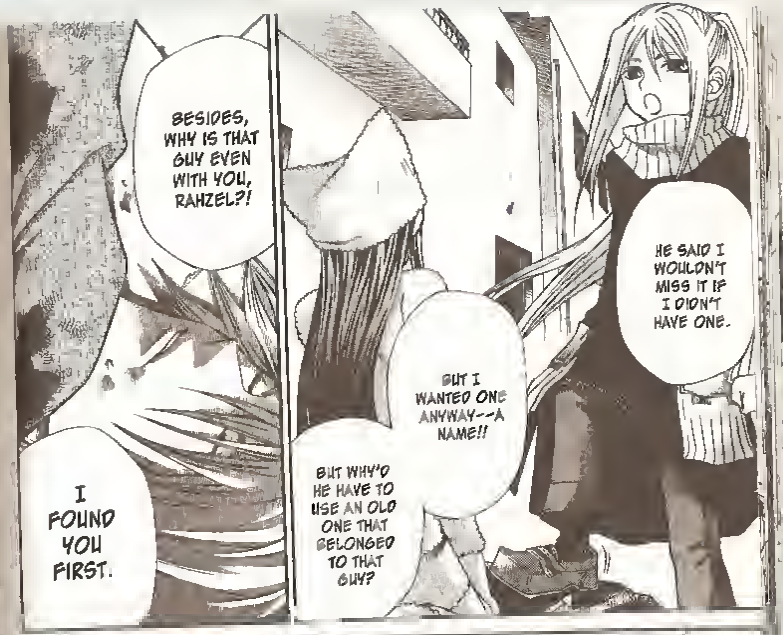
THE MONSTER WHO'S BEEN DOING A LOT OF KILLING IN ACANEA...
...IS A RED-EYED, WHITE-HAIRED LITTLE BOY...

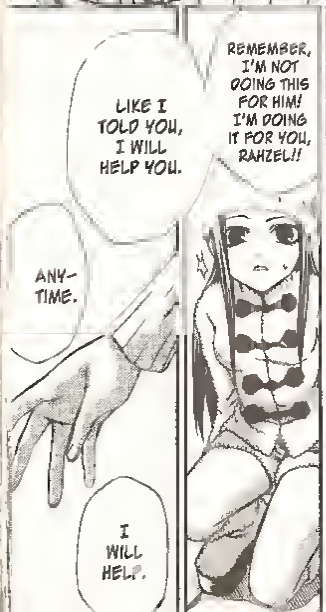



...WHO'S NAMED ALZEID.
THAT'S YOU, ISN'T IT?

HOW LAME!
DON'T ACT LIKE KIARA, RAHZEL.
I TOLD YOU, THAT'S NOT MY NAME!

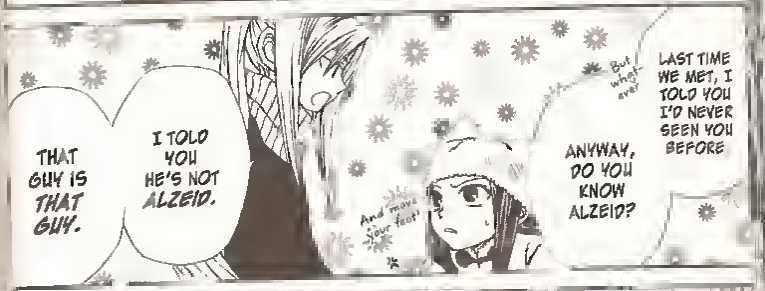

NO.
I WON'T LET HIM GO!

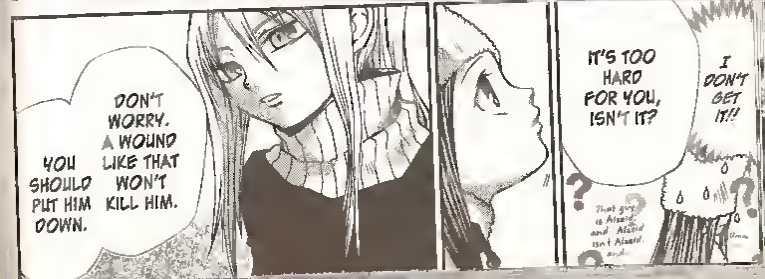

BESIDES, WHY IS THAT GUY EVEN WITH YOU, RAHZEL?!
I FOUND YOU FIRST.
HE SAID I WOULDN'T MISS IT IF I DIDN'T HAVE ONE.
BUT I WANTED ONE ANYWAY--A NAME!!
BUT WHY'D HE HAVE TO USE AN OLD ONE THAT BELONGED TO THAT GUY?

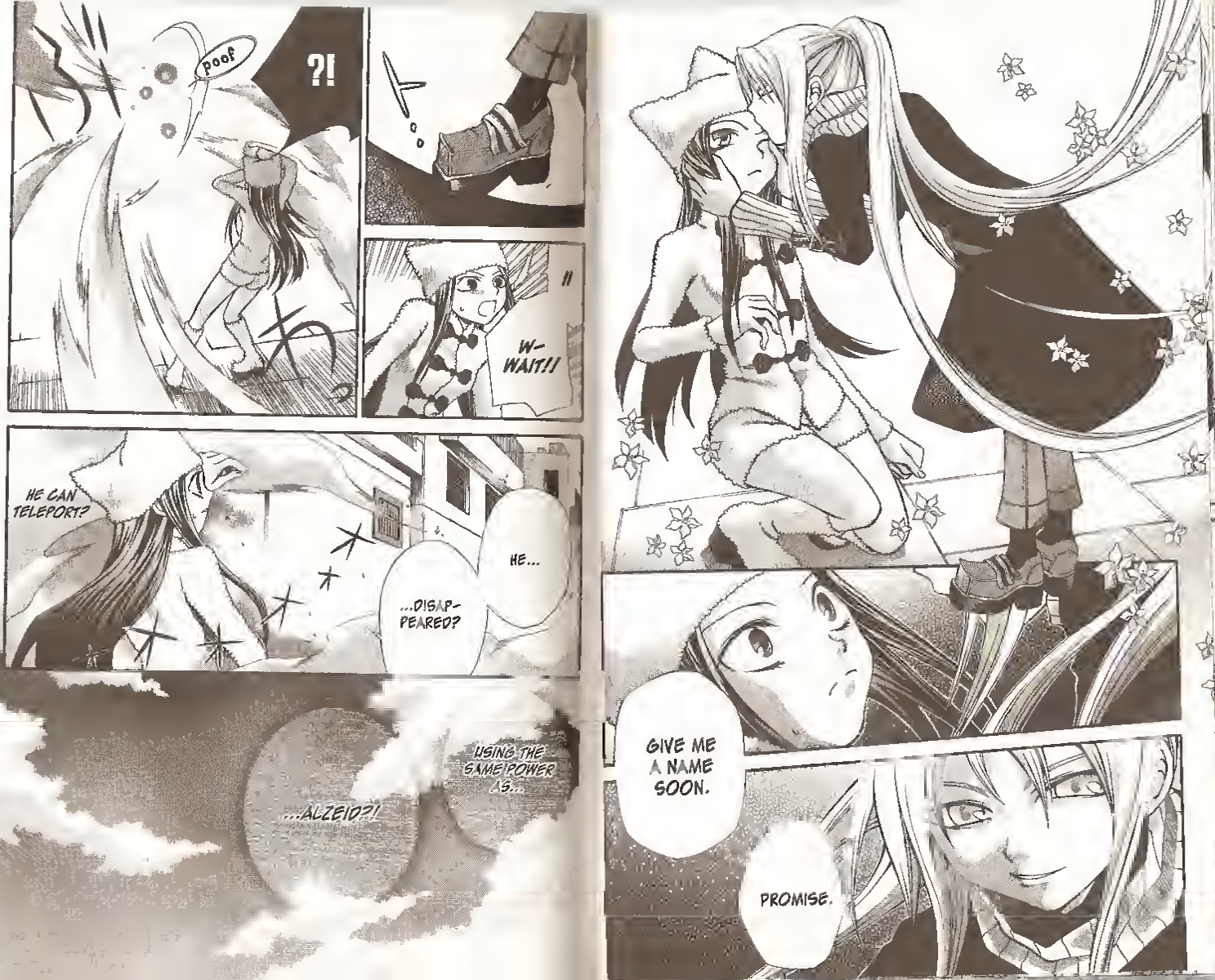

REMEMBER, I'M NOT DOING THIS FOR HIM! I'M DOING IT FOR YOU, RAHZEL!!
LIKE I TOLD YOU, I WILL HELP YOU.
ANY-TIME.
I WILL HELP.

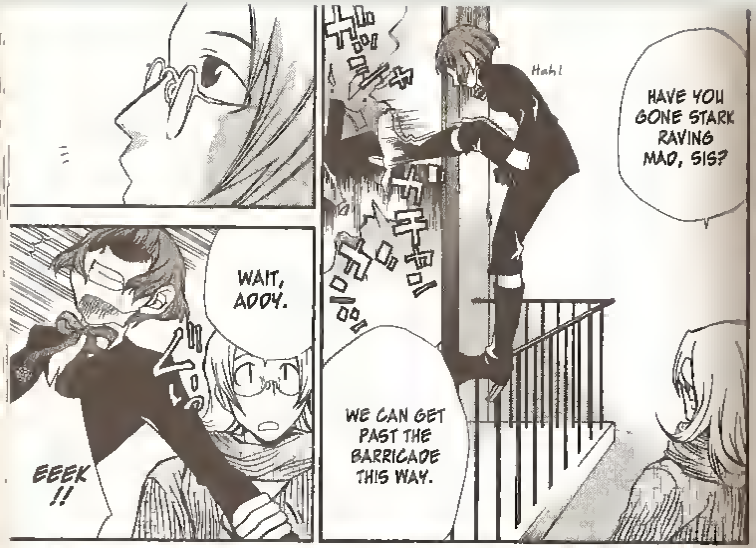
UP THOSE STAIRS AND TO THE RIGHT...
...THERE IS A SMALL CLINIC.
HUH?

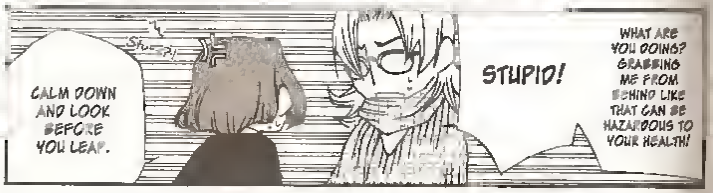
DON'T TRY TO FIND A SHORTCUT.
YOU HAVE NO SENSE OF DIRECTION, RAHZEL.

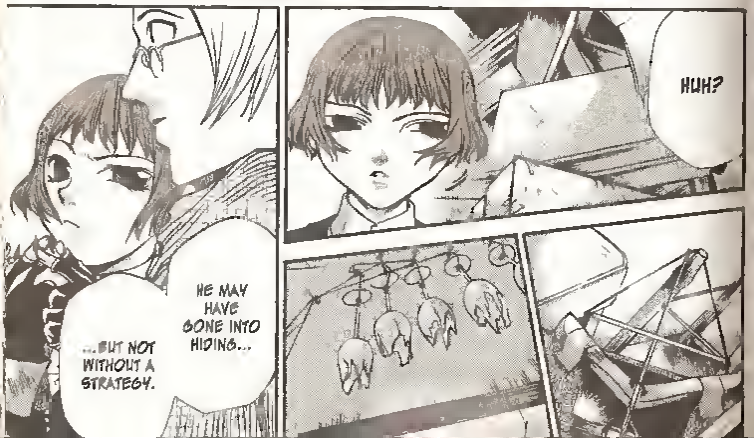

THAT GUY IS THAT GUY.
I TOLD YOU HE'S NOT ALZEID.
But whatever!
And move your feet!
ANYWAY, DO YOU KNOW ALZEID?
LAST TIME WE MET, I TOLD YOU I'D NEVER SEEN YOU BEFORE

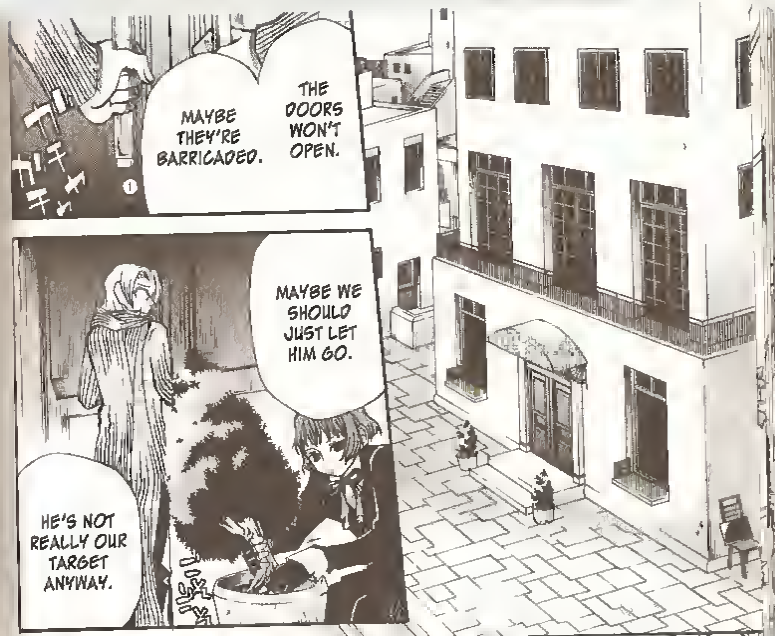

YOU SHOULD PUT HIM DOWN.
DON'T WORRY. A WOUND LIKE THAT WON'T KILL HIM.
IT'S TOO HARD FOR YOU, ISN'T IT?
I DON'T GET IT!!
That guy is Alzeid, and Alzeid isn't Alzeid and...
Drrrr

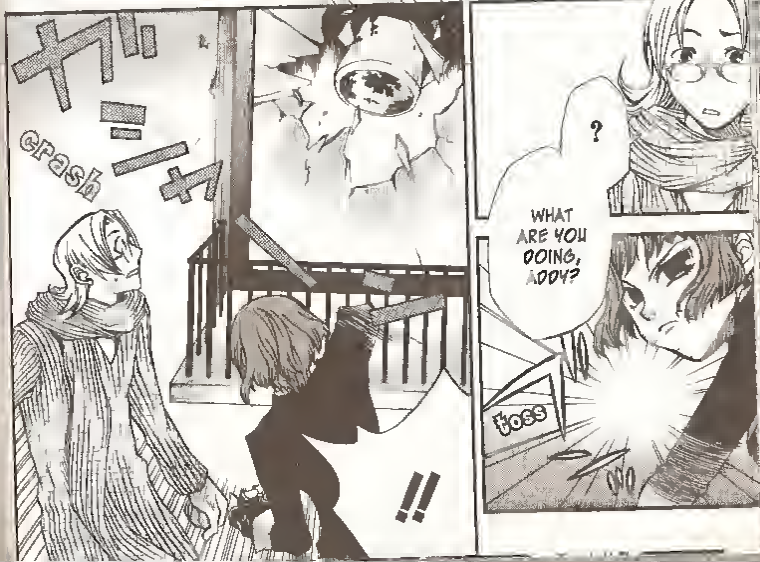

Poof
?!
W-WAIT!!
HE CAN TELEPORT?
HE...
...DISAP-PEARED?
USING THE SAME POWER AS...
...ALZEID?!
GIVE ME A NAME SOON.
PROMISE.


HAVE YOU GONE STARK RAVING MAD, SIS?
Hah!
WE CAN GET PAST THE BARRICADE THIS WAY.
WAIT, ADDY.
EEEK !!


CALM DOWN AND LOOK BEFORE YOU LEAP.
STUPID!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING? GRABBING ME FROM BEHIND LIKE THAT CAN BE HAZARDOUS TO YOUR HEALTH!


...BUT NOT WITHOUT A STRATEGY.
HE MAY HAVE GONE INTO HIDING...
HUH?


THE DOORS WON'T OPEN.
MAYBE THEY'RE BARRICADED.
MAYBE WE SHOULD JUST LET HIM GO.
HE'S NOT REALLY OUR TARGET ANYWAY.


crash
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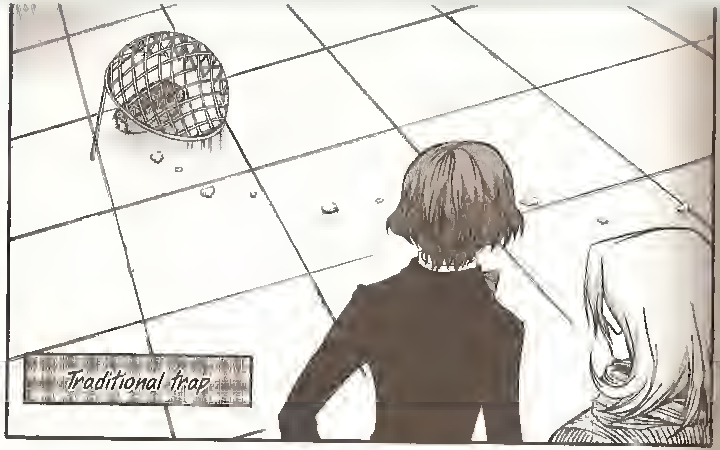
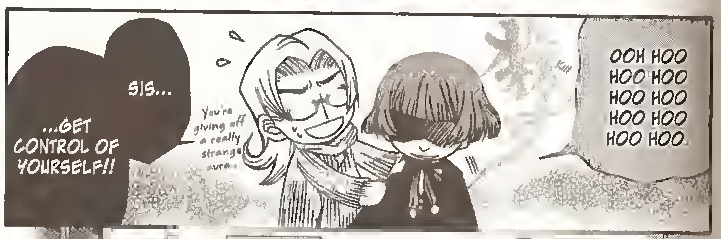
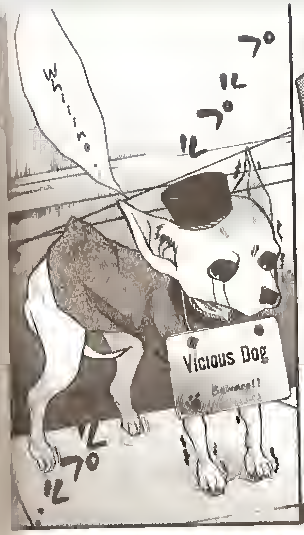
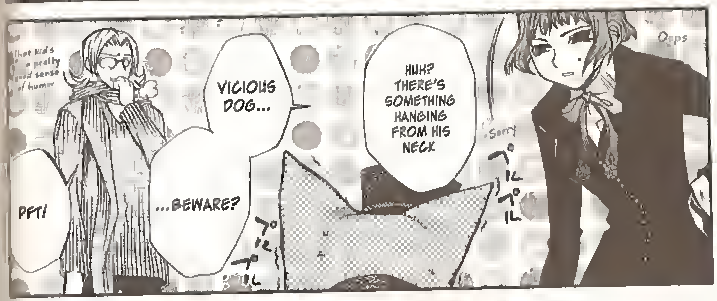
?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, ADDY?
Boss


Traditional trap

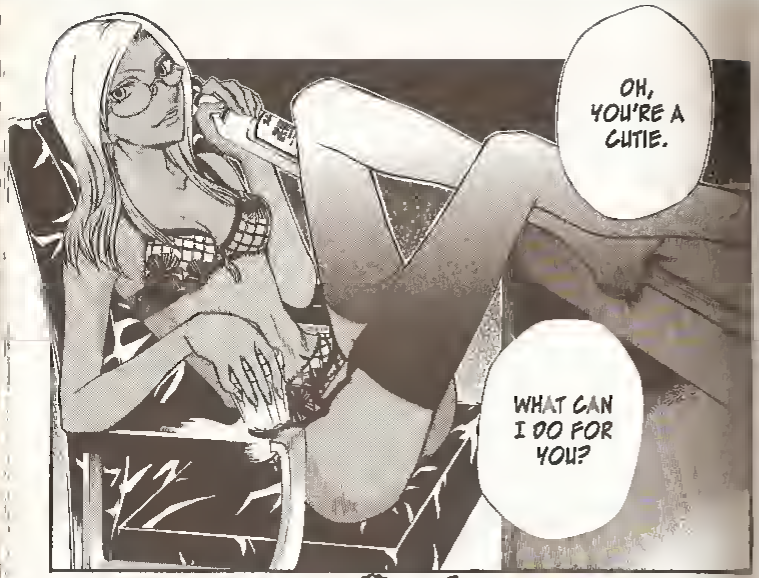

SIS...
...GET CONTROL OF YOURSELF!!
You're giving off a really strange aura...
OOH HOO HOO HOO HOO HOO HOO HOO HOO.


Whining
Vicious Dog
Beware!!

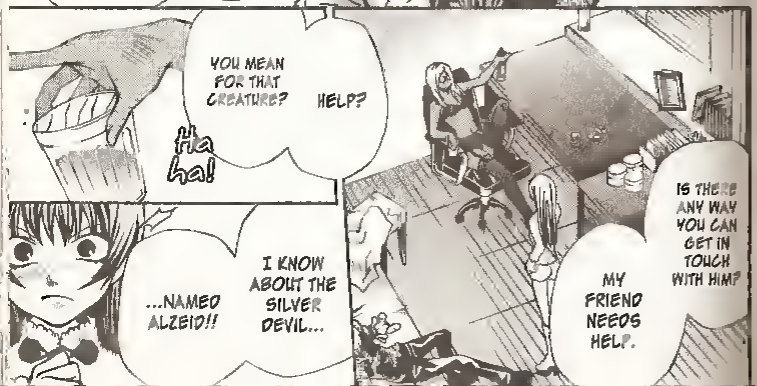
HELP!
THAT'S DEFINITELY TRUE
IT'S SO AMATEURISH
Rustle
THERE!!

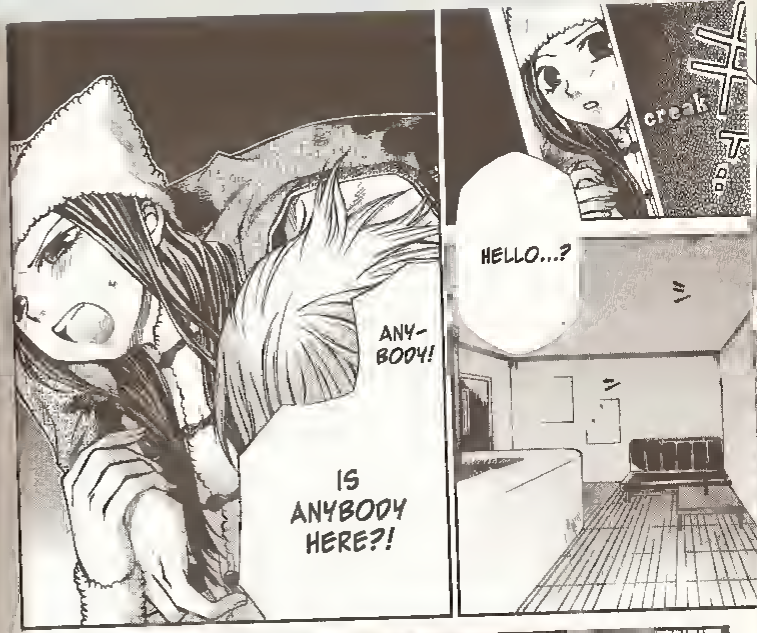

What kid's got a really odd sense of humor
PFT!
VICIOUS DOG...
...BEWARE?
HUH? THERE'S SOMETHING HANGING FROM HIS NECK
Oops
Sorry

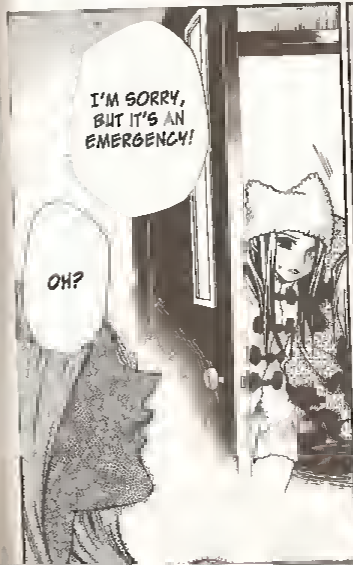
N--
NOBODY MAKES A FOOL OUTTA ME!

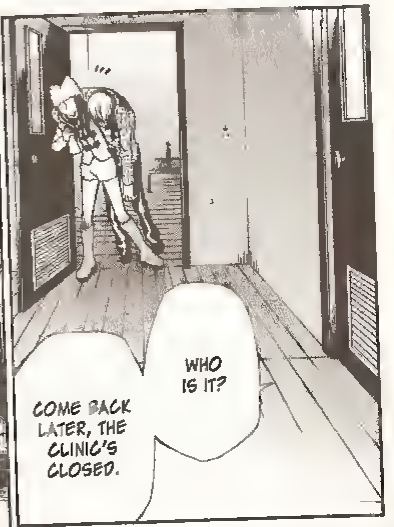

OH, YOU'RE A CUTIE.
WHAT CAN I DO FOR YOU?

CAN I SPEAK TO A DOCTOR?
OH, TOO BAD. TODAY'S THE DOCTOR'S DAY OFF.
BUT WHY DON'T YOU PUT THAT HEAVY LOAD DOWN OVER THERE?

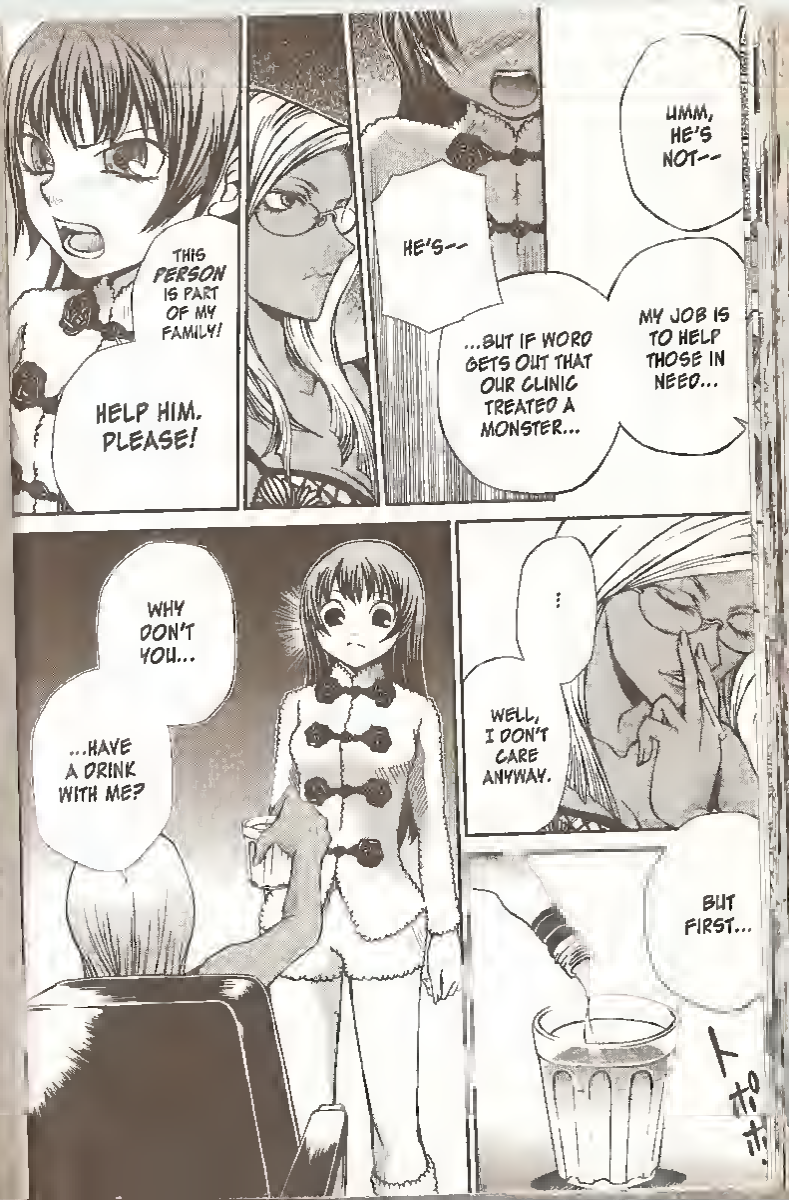

HELP?
YOU MEAN FOR THAT CREATURE?
ha ha!
I KNOW ABOUT THE SILVER DEVIL...
...NAMED ALZEID!!
MY FRIEND NEEDS HELP.
IS THERE ANY WAY YOU CAN GET IN TOUCH WITH HIM?

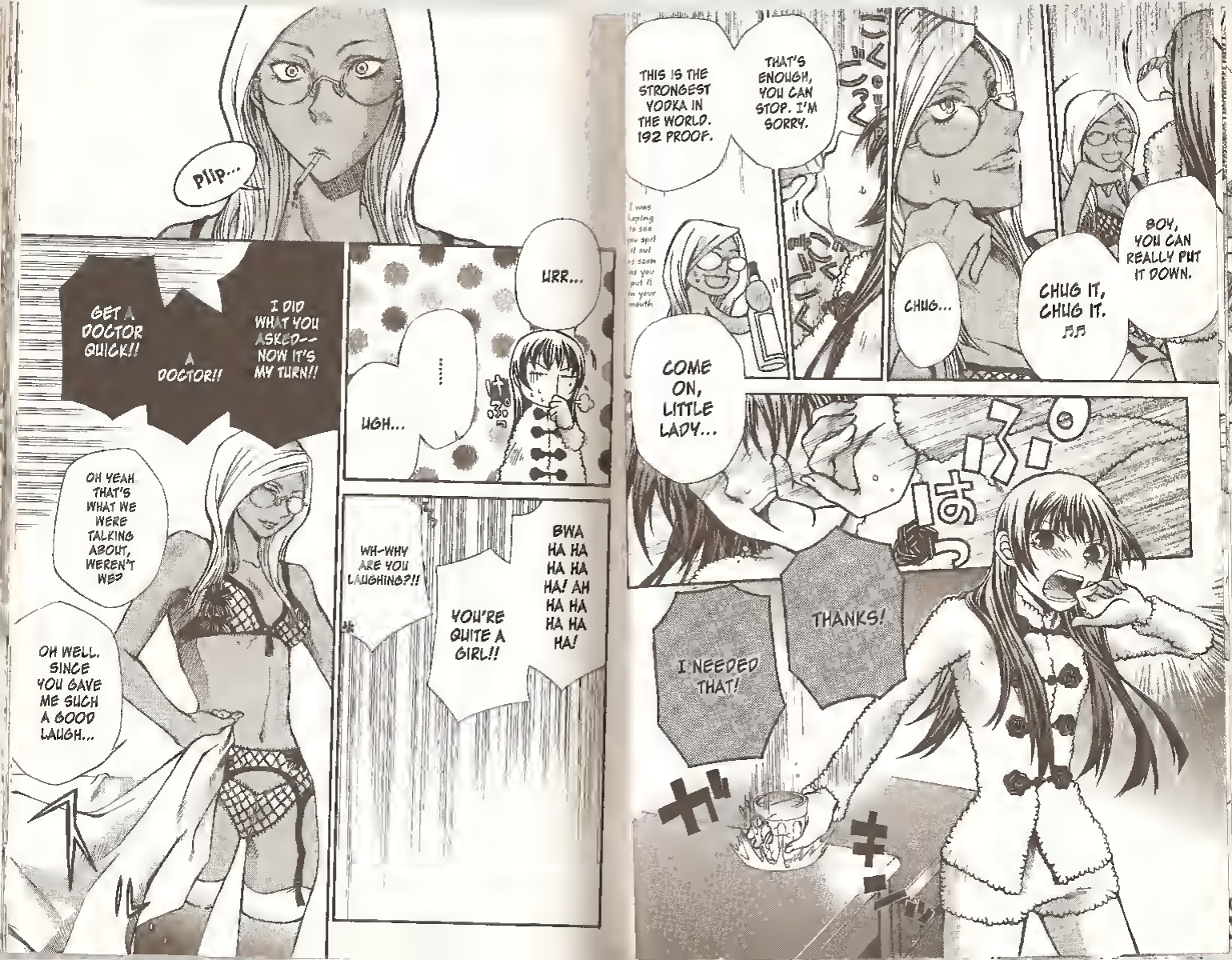

ANY-BODY!
IS ANYBODY HERE?!
creak
HELLO...?

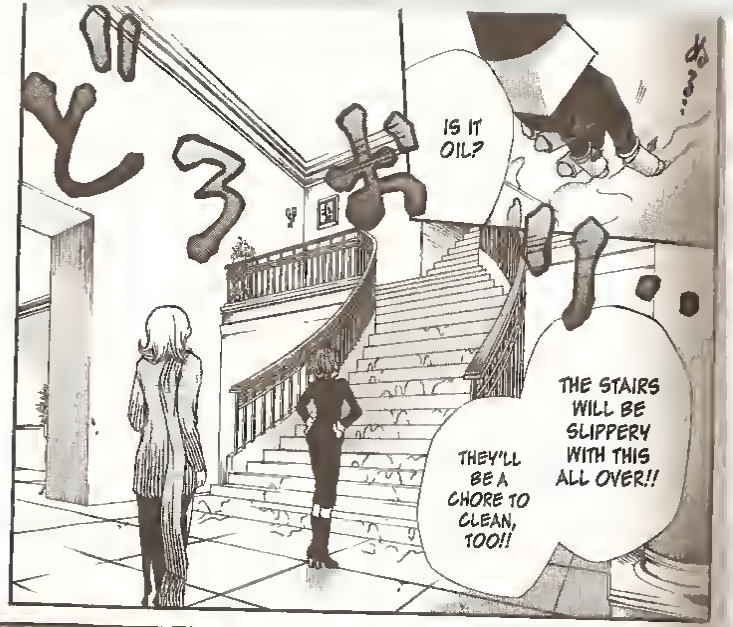

I'M SORRY, BUT IT'S AN EMERGENCY!
OH?

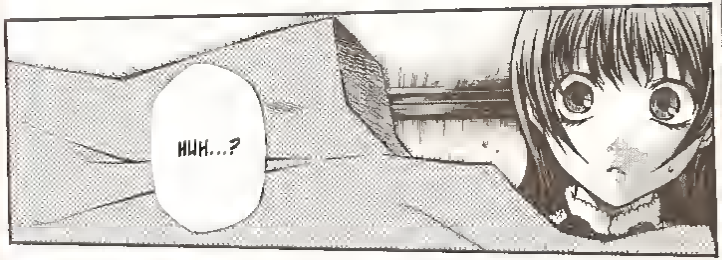

WHO IS IT?
COME BACK LATER, THE CLINIC'S CLOSED.

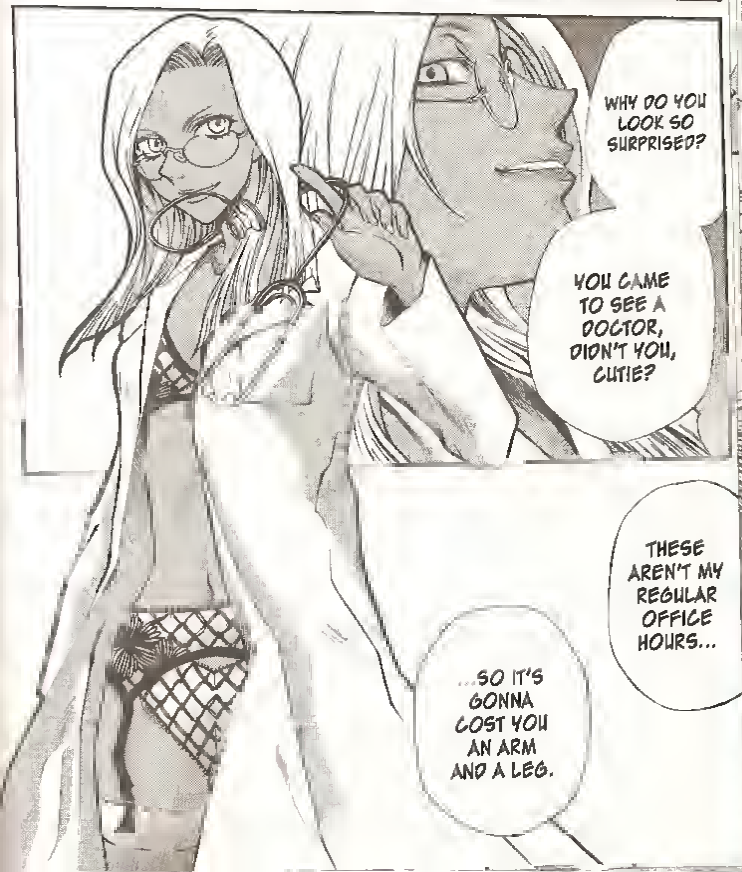
OR ARE YOU'RE SAYING THAT YOU WON'T DRINK WITH ME?
NOBODY'S SAYING ANYTHING OF THE KIND!!
WELL, IT'S TOO BAD.
WH-WHAT? SHE WANT ME TO DRINK?
UMM...I'M UNDERAGE...
I CAN'T DO THAT!!
ALCOHOL? NO WAY!!
WAAH! SURFACE TENSION!
Let me
YOU GONNA DRINK OR NOT?
THAT DOESN'T MATTER.
...TOO BAD.
TRULY...
YOU'D BETTER PRAY THAT I'LL BE OKAY!
ALL RIGHT! I'LL DRINK IT, OKAY?!
grab
ALZEID!! IF I CROAK FROM ALCOHOL POISONING, IT'S ALL YOUR FAULT!
MY VENGEFUL SPIRIT WILL HAUNT YOU.
SHE'S GOT YOU AT A DISADVANTAGE!!
THOUGH IT'S ALZEID WHO IT'LL AFFECT THE MOST.
IT'S REALLY TOO BAD.


THIS PERSON IS PART OF MY FAMILY!
HELP HIM. PLEASE!
UMM, HE'S NOT--
HE'S--
...BUT IF WORD GETS OUT THAT OUR CLINIC TREATED A MONSTER...
MY JOB IS TO HELP THOSE IN NEED...
WHY DON'T YOU...
...HAVE A DRINK WITH ME?
:
WELL, I DON'T CARE ANYWAY.
BUT FIRST...

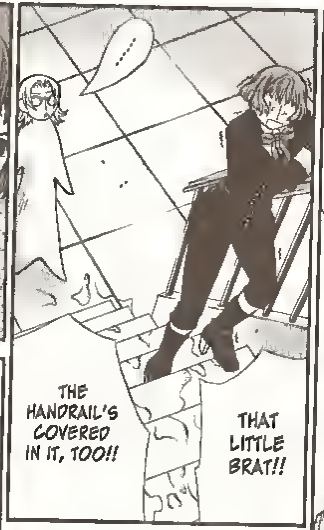

COME ON, LITTLE LADY...
THIS IS THE STRONGEST VODKA IN THE WORLD. 192 PROOF.
THAT'S ENOUGH, YOU CAN STOP. I'M SORRY.
I was hoping to see you spit it out as soon as you put it in your mouth.
CHUG...
CHUG IT, CHUG IT. ♫♫
BOY, YOU CAN REALLY PUT IT DOWN.
はっ
I NEEDED THAT!
THANKS!
UGH...
.....
URR...
WH-WHY ARE YOU LAUGHING?!!
YOU'RE QUITE A GIRL!!
BWA HA HA HA HA! AH HA HA HA HA HA!
I DID WHAT YOU ASKED-- NOW IT'S MY TURN!!
A DOCTOR!!
GET A DOCTOR QUICK!!
OH YEAH THAT'S WHAT WE WERE TALKING ABOUT, WEREN'T WE?
OH WELL. SINCE YOU GAVE ME SUCH A GOOD LAUGH...
PLIP...

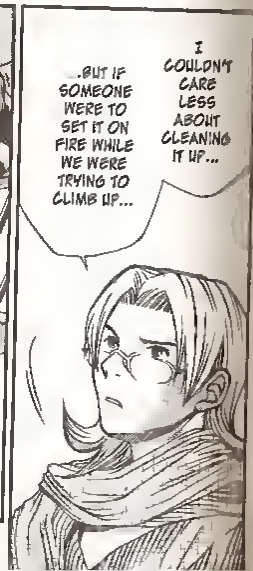

IS IT OIL?
THE STAIRS WILL BE SLIPPERY WITH THIS ALL OVER!!
THEY'LL BE A CHORE TO CLEAN, TOO!!

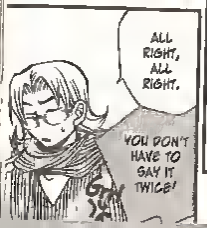

HUH...?

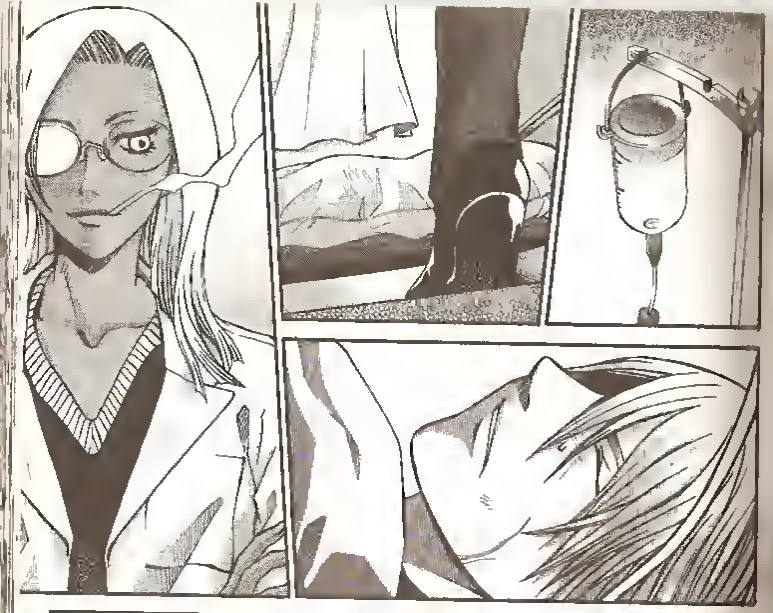

WHY DO YOU LOOK SO SURPRISED?
YOU CAME TO SEE A DOCTOR, DIDN'T YOU, CUTIE?
THESE AREN'T MY REGULAR OFFICE HOURS...
...SO IT'S GONNA COST YOU AN ARM AND A LEG.

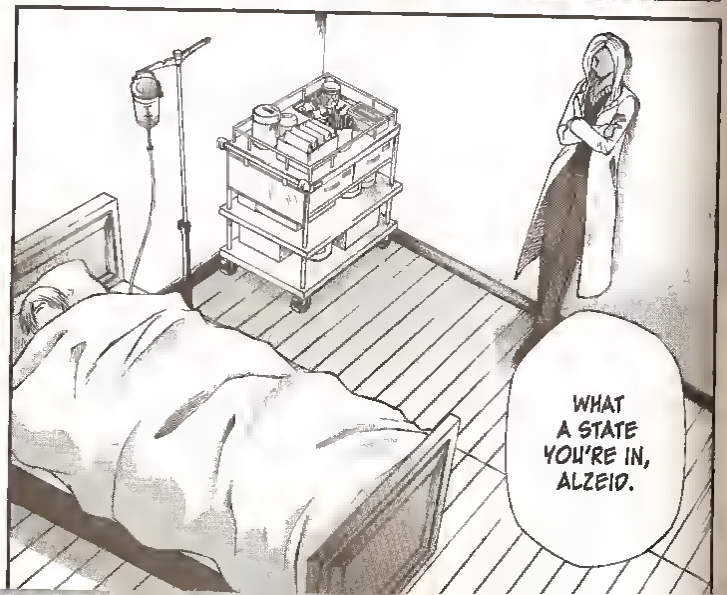
WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?
COME ON, BIG BROTHER!!


.....
THE HANDRAIL'S COVERED IN IT, TOO!!
THAT LITTLE BRAT!!


I COULDN'T CARE LESS ABOUT CLEANING IT UP...
...BUT IF SOMEONE WERE TO SET IT ON FIRE WHILE WE WERE TRYING TO CLIMB UP...


ALL RIGHT, ALL RIGHT.
YOU DON'T HAVE TO SAY IT TWICE!



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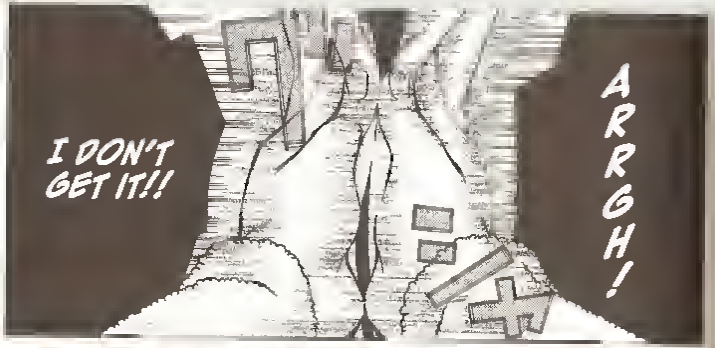
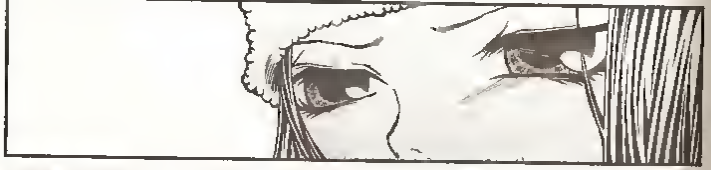
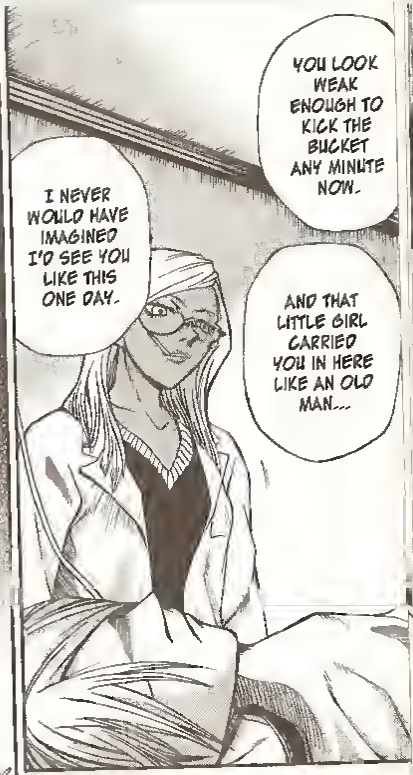

I DON'T GET IT!!
ARRGH!

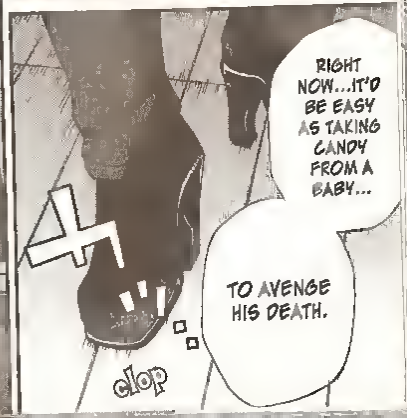
BUT WHERE THE HECK AM I?!!
I SHOULD JUST RUN AROUND BY INSTINCT!
WHAT DO I NEED A MAP FOR IF I DON'T KNOW WHERE HE IS?



THERE'S NO GUARANTEE SHE'S ON OUR SIDE.
LEAVING ALZEID WITH SOMEONE I JUST MET...
DID I MAKE A HUGE MISTAKE?

I WONDER WHAT HER FACE WOULD LOOK LIKE...
...IF SHE CAME BACK AND FOUND YOU DEAD.


YOU LOOK WEAK ENOUGH TO KICK THE BUCKET ANY MINUTE NOW.
I NEVER WOULD HAVE IMAGINED I'D SEE YOU LIKE THIS ONE DAY.
AND THAT LITTLE GIRL CARRIED YOU IN HERE LIKE AN OLD MAN...


RIGHT NOW...IT'D BE EASY AS TAKING CANDY FROM A BABY...
TO AVENGE HIS DEATH.
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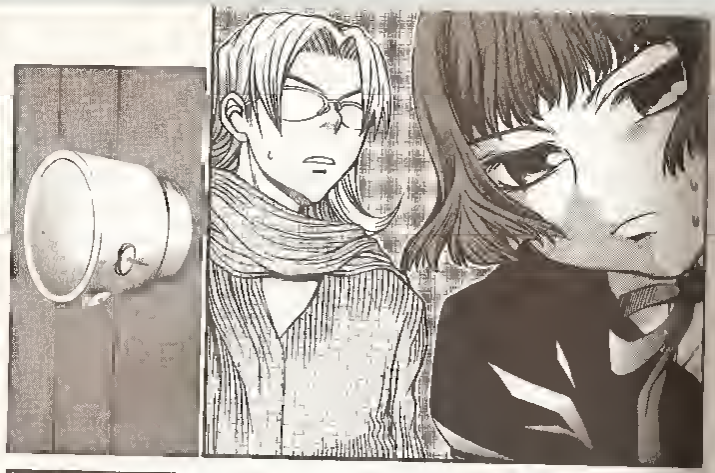
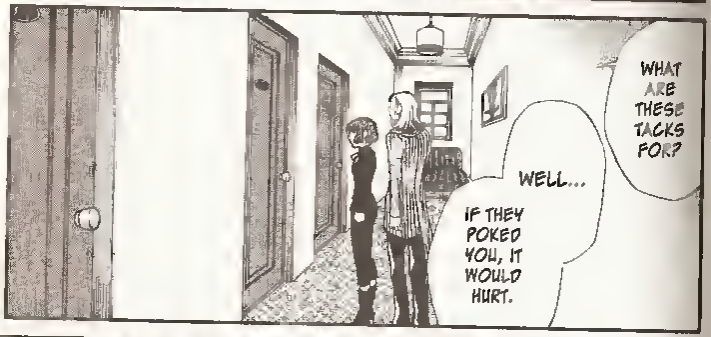
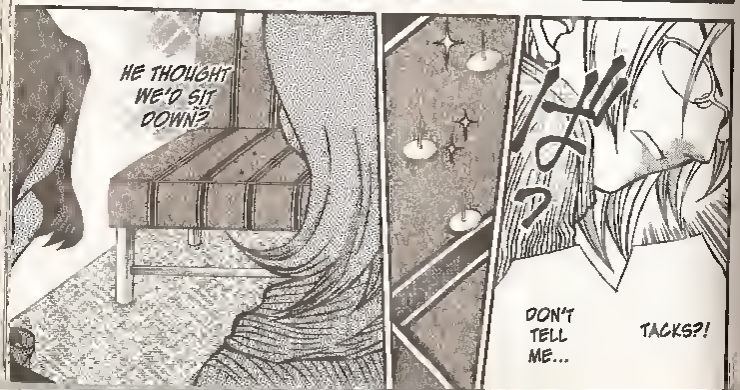
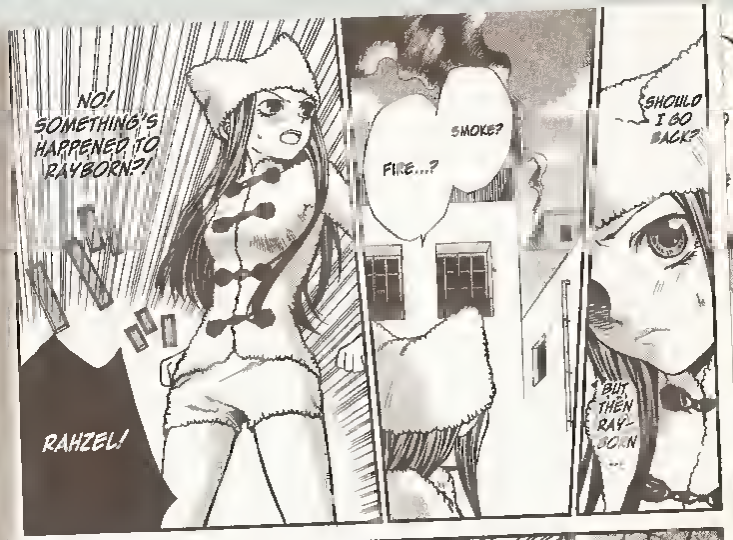



WHAT ARE THESE TACKS FOR?
WELL...
IF THEY POKED YOU, IT WOULD HURT.


HE THOUGHT WE'D SIT DOWN?
DON'T TELL ME...
TACKS?!


NO! SOMETHING'S HAPPENED TO RAYBORN?!
RAHZEL!
SMOKE?
FIRE...?
SHOULD I GO BACK?
BUT THEN RAY-BORN...

BAROQUE-HEAT!
AND BRANOWEN, TOO?!

WHAT IS THIS WHITE STUFF? FLOUR?
HMM, HE'S USING A LOT OF FOOD ITEMS...
OIL, EGGS, FLOUR...
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WHO CARES?!
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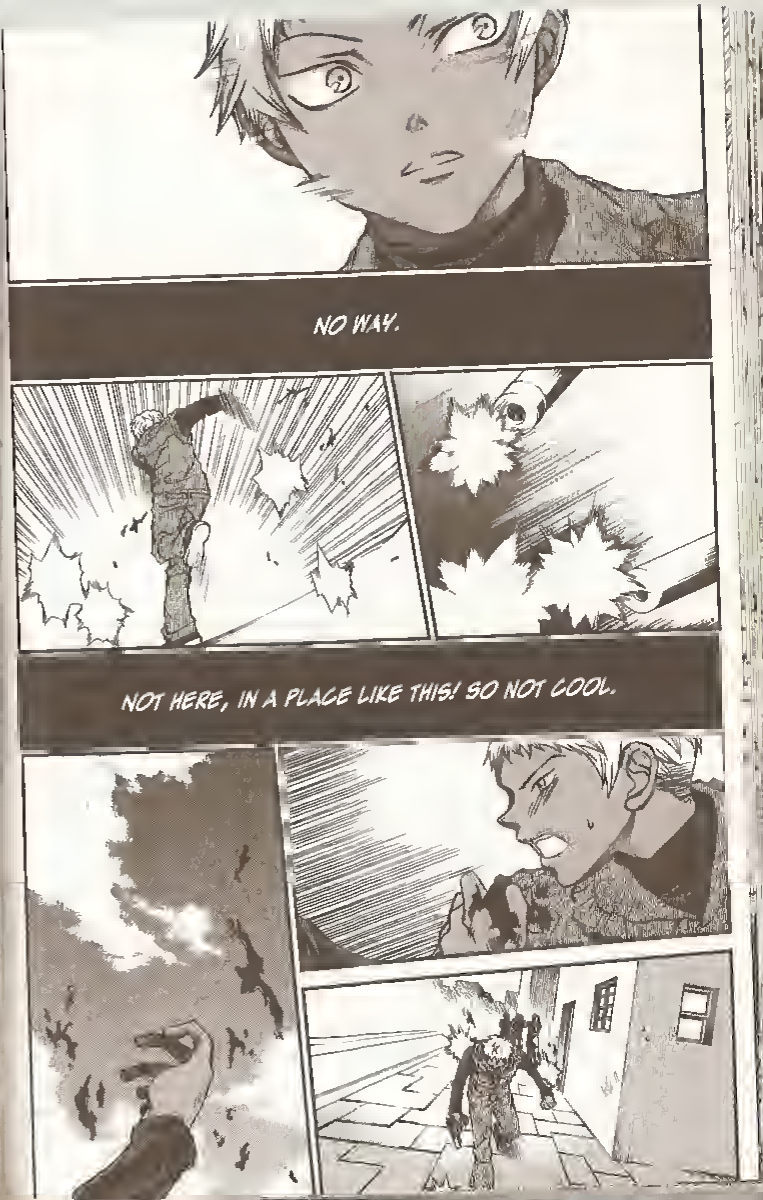
OH! TEMPURA?
THAT'S SOME PRETTY GOOD TEMPURA BATTER.
IS THAT ALL YOU CAN SAY AT A TIME LIKE THIS?
ALL YOU NEED TO COOK IT IS A FIRE...
BUT HE SURE IS COMING UP WITH A LOT OF STUFF ON THE SPOT.
303
SO, HE TOOK THE PINS OUT OF THE DOOR'S HINGES AND LEFT IT STANDING THERE...
THAT'S SOMETHING YOU CAN ONLY DO WITH DOORS THAT OPEN INWARD...
I'M SICK AND TIRED OF TRAPS!
NOBODY ELSE THOUGHT OF PUTTING TACKS ON THE UNDERSIDES OF THINGS, AND I NOTICED THAT MOST PEOPLE HOLD THE SIDES OF THEIR DESKS AS THEY GET UP.
THIS REMINDS ME OF A TACK BATTLE WE HAD IN GRADE SCHOOL.
Grin
SO I PUT A DOUBLE TRAP--ON THE EDGE OF THE DESK AND RIGHT ABOVE THE KNEES.
?!
Topple
WHA...?
IT JUST FELL RIGHT IN?!
OOF!

カラーン
ゴオオオォォ…
PHEW...
I'M WORN OUT!!
DID HE SET ALL THOSE STUPID TRAPS...
Bang!
JUST TO LURE US INTO THIS ROOM?
FIRE?!
OH CRAP...
A MOLOTOV COCKTAIL!
BUT ESCAPING THROUGH THE WINDOW, THEN GOING BACK IN TO SET THE OIL ON FIRE...
Getting the dog in the process
THAT WAS A BIG JOB
I DESIGNED THOSE TRAPS (?) JUST SO THEY'D KNOW THAT I'D BEEN THERE
THEY MADE A BIGGER FUSS THAN I THOUGHT...
FIRST I NEED TO FIND EVERYONE AND--
OH WELL. I'LL THINK ABOUT THAT LATER.
SHOOT!! WHAT DO I DO?!
OH CRAP, I'M AN ARSONIST.
CAN I CLAIM SELF DEFENSE OR THAT I NEEDED TO DO IT TO ESCAPE OR SOMETHING?!
HUH?
Ka
boom!

THAT'S ALL I CAN THINK ABOUT AT A TIME LIKE THIS?
I WONDER IF RAHZEL WILL CRY. SHE'S A FRIEND, SO OF COURSE SHE WILL.
SHE'LL PROBABLY LOOK CUTE DOING IT.
Plink
I'D FINALLY... FINALLY FOUND MY PLACE...
UGH...I WAS SO CLOSE TO BECOMING THE BOSS' BEST FRIEND.
AND ALSO...


NO WAY.
NOT HERE, IN A PLACE LIKE THIS! SO NOT COOL.

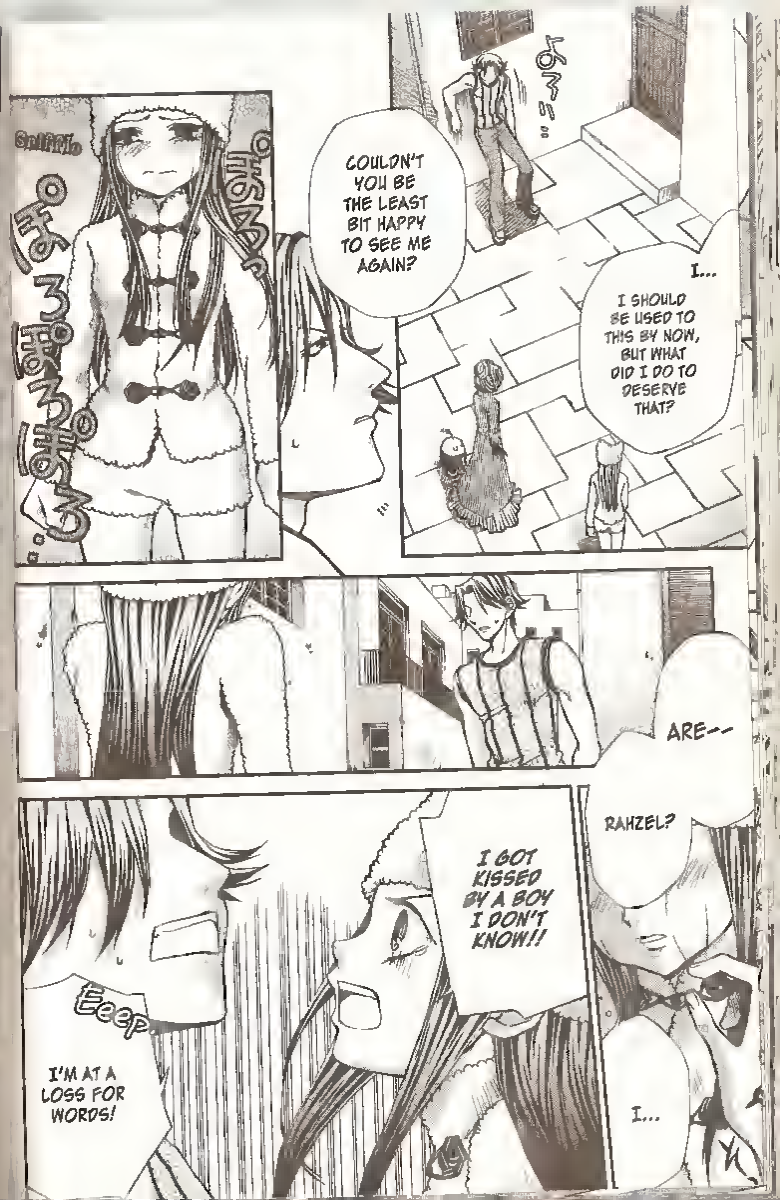
WHA--?
WHAT'S HAPPENED HERE?
I DIDN'T SEE THEM VERY WELL FROM THE WINDOW, BUT THE MONSTER WAS DEFINITELY WITH THIS GUY AND A WOMAN WITH LONG HAIR.
ALL RIGHT THEN, SHE'S NEXT!!
WHA--
OH, IT'S YOU GUYS!
WE'RE LIKE REGULAR HEROES!
WE ROCK!
LOOK, WE GOT ONE OF THE MONSTER'S GANG.

D.A.D...
I'M SORRY I WON'T BE COMING HOME.
ARRGH!!
HE'S SO GONNA PAY--
I'LL MAKE HIM PAY FOR THIS!
BOY, THAT WAS SOMETHING.
ARRGH ARRGH ARRGH ARRGH! SHEESH!
WHAT A FRICKIN' PAIN!!

BAROQUE-HEAT! AND BRANOWEN, TOO?!
RAHZEL!
I'M SO GLAD YOU'RE SAFE--
DWAH!!
ボコッ
clang
OWWW!

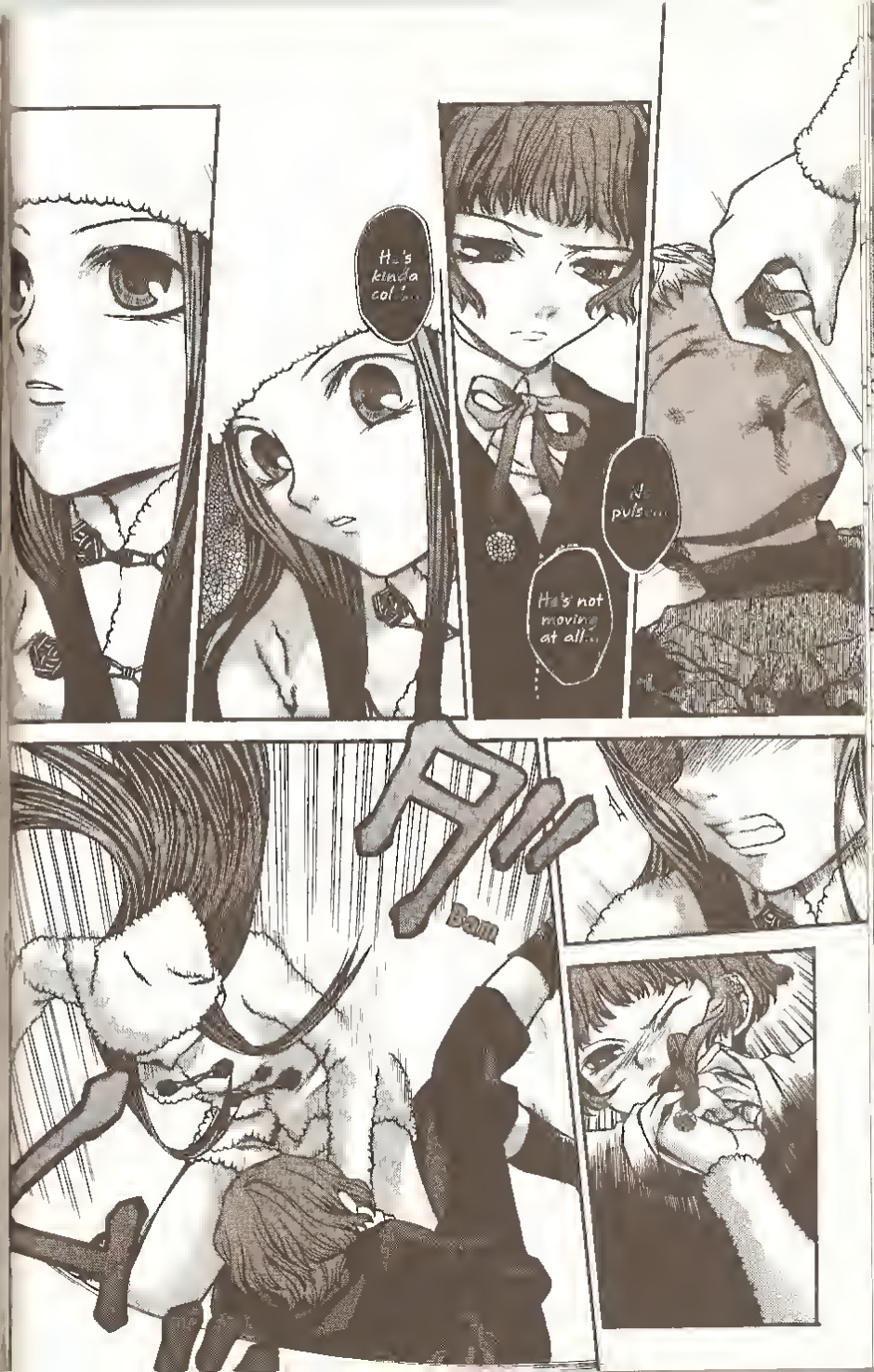
HUH? WHAT THE HECK ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
AOOY, CALM DOWN...
HE MAY BE IN THE MONSTER'S GANG, BUT HE'S STILL HUMAN!
DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA WHAT YOU'VE DONE?!
WHOA, HOW COOL!!
"SILVER DEVIL"?
WHA?!
BESIDES, WE ONLY HAD TO DO THIS BECAUSE YOU HAVEN'T CAPTURED THE SILVER DEVIL.
THAT'S WAY BETTER...
...THAN THAT OTHER NAME!!
HEY, HEY, IS THAT ME?
YOU MEAN ME, RIGHT?

I REALLY AM SORRY ABOUT THAT.
I MEAN-- YOU SEEM A LITTLE CONFUSED, RAHZEL.
YES! I CERTAINLY AM, AS YOU CAN SEE.
TOTALLY CRUSHED INTO PIECES!!
YAY! I'M A BABE!!
THOUGH HE KISSED ME ON THE FOREHEAD, NOT ON THE MOUTH!
MUCH MORE OF A GENTLEMAN THAN SOMEONE ELSE I COULD NAME!
NO, I'M SORRY...
NOooo
NO... I'M JUST SHIFTING THE BLAME.
...FOR TAKING IT OUT ON YOU.
I'M SORRY.
CONFUSED?
NO, RELIEVED?
IT'S...
...ALL YOUR FAULT...
BECAUSE...
...YOU WEREN'T THERE...


COULDN'T YOU BE THE LEAST BIT HAPPY TO SEE ME AGAIN?
Sniffle
I...
I SHOULD BE USED TO THIS BY NOW, BUT WHAT DID I DO TO DESERVE THAT?
ARE--
RAHZEL?
I GOT KISSED BY A BOY I DON'T KNOW!!
Eeep
I'M AT A LOSS FOR WORDS!
I...

WHAT HAPPENED, RAHZEL?
WE'VE-- WE'VE GOT TO HELP RAYBORN!
Twitch
Huh?
He's not breathing?

DID YOU DO THIS?
... NO.
RAHZEL!!
I DECIDED THAT...
...I WOULDN'T.
THEN --!!
THEN WHY WON'T YOU FIGHT ME?!
WHAT HAPPENED BACK THERE...
...MAKES ME SHUDDER.

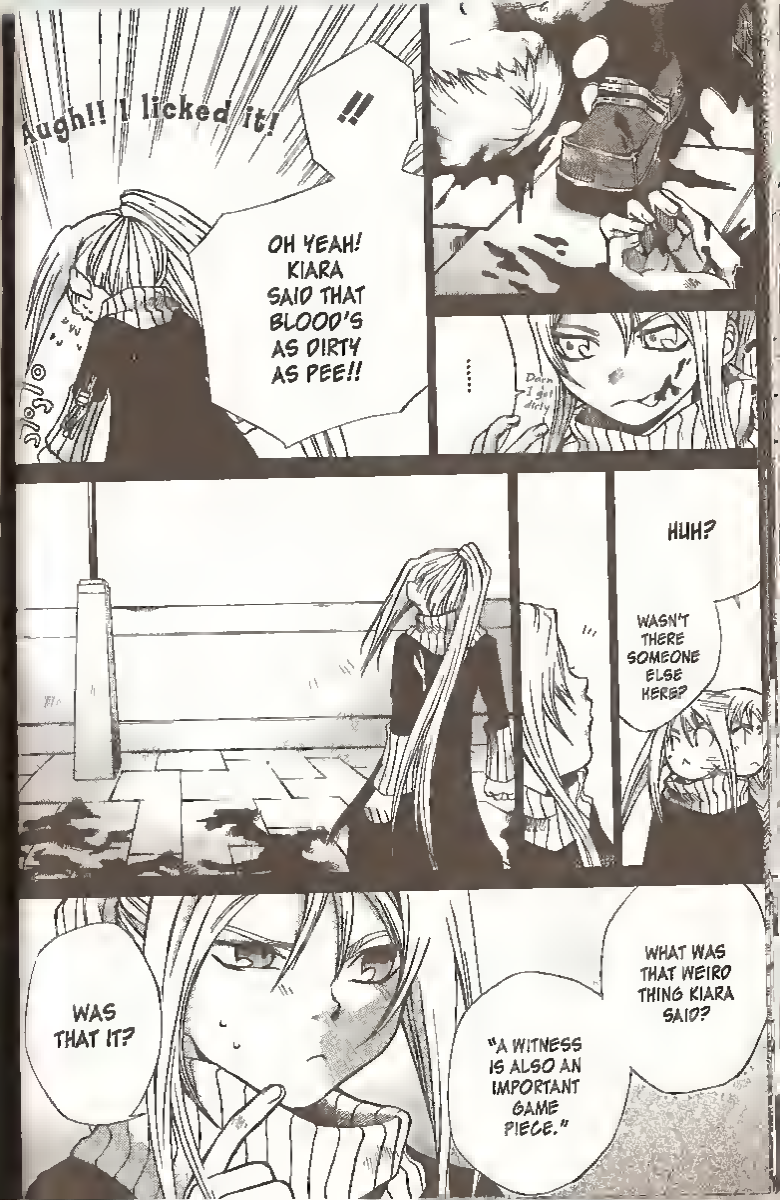

He's kinda cal'...
He's not moving at all...
N- puls...
Beam

A HUMAN? YOU KILLED A HUMAN?
DID YOU KILL HIM?
G-GET BACK!
I KILLED A BUNCH OF THEM, TOO.
AND NOW EVERYBODY CALLS ME A MONSTER.
WHA...
HE'S NOT THE GUY I SAW WALKING WITH THE KID I SHOT.
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
HE'S NOT DEAD, IS HE?
'CAUSE A HUMAN THAT KILLS HUMANS IS THE ENEMY OF HUMANS.
A HUMAN THAT KILLS HUMANS ISN'T HUMAN.
...ARE MONSTERS.
THAT MEANS YOU GUYS...
THIS CAN'T BE!
NO WAY!
ALZEIO?!
THEN, WHO WAS THE GUY I ATTACKED?!
"ALZEIO"?
WHITE-HAIRED...
...RED-EYED LITTLE BOY...
THIS KID...
...ISN'T THE ALZEIO I SAW.
NO, THAT'S NOT MY NAME!
WHY DOES EVERYBODY KEEP CALLING ME THAT?!
THAT REALLY TICKS ME OFF!
YOU DARE SHOW YOUR FACE AFTER WHAT WE JUST DID TO YOUR FRIEND?
YOU THINK YOU CAN AVENGE HIM?
?
HEY, GEETS...

Whoosh
WHOA!
YOU FIEND!!
Tink
HUH?
THEN WHAT ABOUT A MONSTER THAT KILLS MONSTERS?
W--
WHY, YOU LITTLE --!!
BE QUIET!
I'M TRYING TO THINK!
Reagh
Agh
DOES BEING THE MONSTER'S ENEMY MAKE HIM... GOD?
BUT ISN'T GOD SUPPOSED TO BE ON THE HUMANS' SIDE?
Argh
UMM... URRR...

slide
Gasp
URK.
Shing
Gah
gya
ADDY!!
Wa

OH WELL. THIS IS ENOUGH FOR TODAY.
Pook
SEE YA!
SO, HE LET US GO...
...DID HE?
SURE I CAN MAKE US INVISIBLE, BUT THERE ARE OTHER SIGNS OF OUR PRESENCE I CAN'T ERASE.
FOR ONCE, YOUR POWERS ACTUALLY CAME IN HANDY, BIG BROTHER.
I WISH I COULD DO MORE THAN JUST MANIPULATION OF LIGHT REFRACTION.
SHOW SOME RESTRAINT!
WE'RE SAVED!!
THAT WAS A CLOSE CALL.
IT MAKES MY BLOOD BOIL.


Augh!! I licked it!
!!
OH YEAH! KIARA SAID THAT BLOOD'S AS DIRTY AS PEE!!
Damn I got dirty
HUH?
WASN'T THERE SOMEONE ELSE HERE?
WHAT WAS THAT WEIRD THING KIARA SAID?
"A WITNESS IS ALSO AN IMPORTANT GAME PIECE."
WAS THAT IT?

WHAT? HEY, ADDY! WAIT...
HERE'S THE MAP.
WHERE TO?
AH...
MAYBE IT'LL SNOW TONIGHT.
IT SURE IS COLD
WHY DOESN'T ANYONE ASK ABOUT YOU, RAYBORN?
WHAT IS SHE TALKING ABOUT?
WHAT...
WE WERE HIRED TO BE MONSTER EXTERMI-NATORS...
...BUT I DIDN'T THINK WE'D BE UP AGAINST A REAL MONSTER.
HEY, BAROQUE-HEAT...
BRANDWEN'S WARM HAND WAS WRAPPED AROUND MINE.
...AND AS I THOUGHT ABOUT HOW CHILDREN HAVE A HIGHER BODY TEMPERATURE...
...AND HOW BAROQUEHEAT DEFINITELY WASN'T DRESSED FOR THE WEATHER...
...I WAS COUNTING HOW MANY "I LIKE YOU"S...
...I HAD SAID TO RAYBORN.
...WHO WEARS SLEEVE-LESS SHIRTS IN THE WINTER.
EVERY SCHOOL HAS AT LEAST ONE KID...
CATCH COLD? BUT HE'S DEA--
YOU'RE RIGHT.
BIG BROTHER!!
RAYBORN WILL CATCH COLD IN A PLACE LIKE THIS.
I WANT TO HAVE A SNOWBALL FIGHT...
...WITH EVERY-BODY.

# Chapter 45:
# The Ephemeral Proposition— Part 10: The Color of Silence

"I LIKE YOU."

I'LL SAY IT AS MANY TIMES AS YOU LIKE.

I WANT YOU TO BE MY FRIEND, RAYBORN.

27 TIMES.

THAT'S ALL. 27 TIMES.

27 DIVIDED BY 100 MILLION IS ABOUT A 3-7 MILLIONTH OF THE WAY

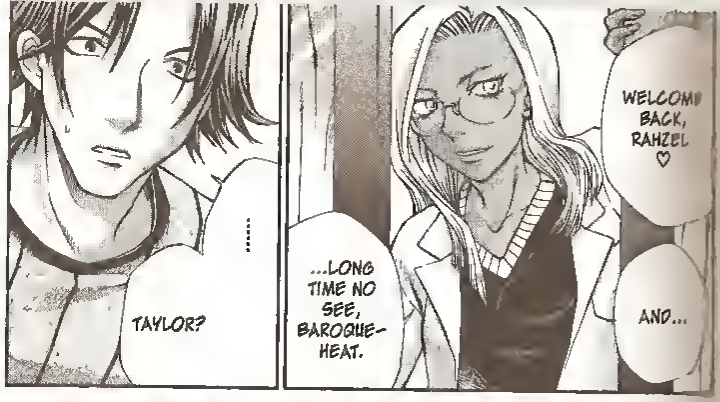
WHAT'S LEFT IS 99,999,973 TIMES

AND...

AS MANY TIMES?

THEN, A HUNDRED MILLION TIMES!

...THAT NUMBER WILL NEVER GET ANY SMALLER...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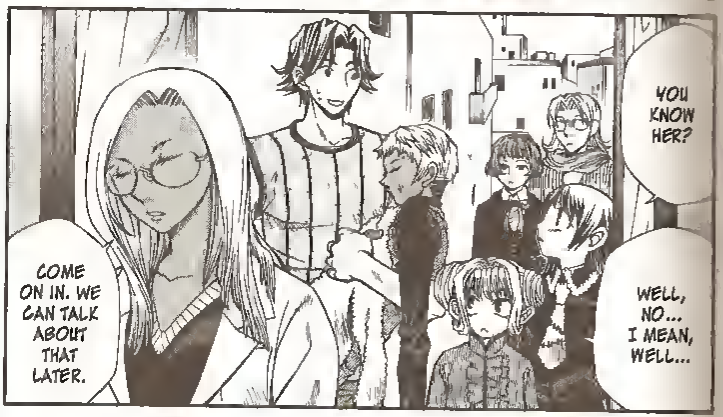
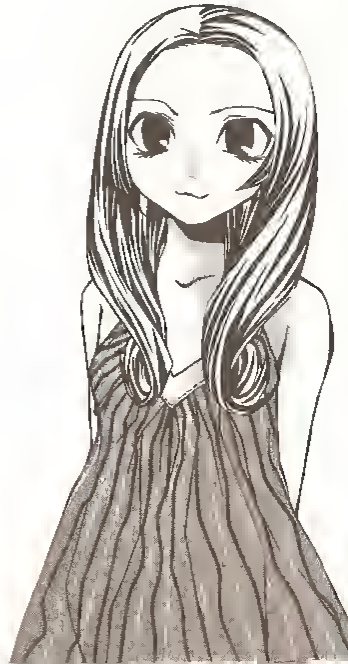
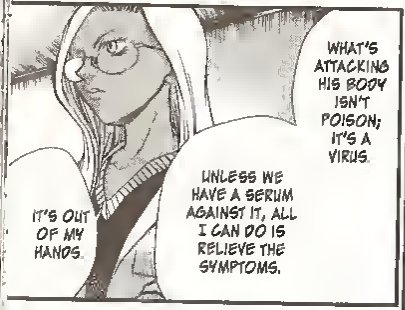
TAYLOR?
...LONG TIME NO SEE, BAROQUE-HEAT.
WELCOME BACK, RAHZEL ♡
AND...


COME ON IN. WE CAN TALK ABOUT THAT LATER.
YOU KNOW HER?
WELL, NO... I MEAN, WELL...

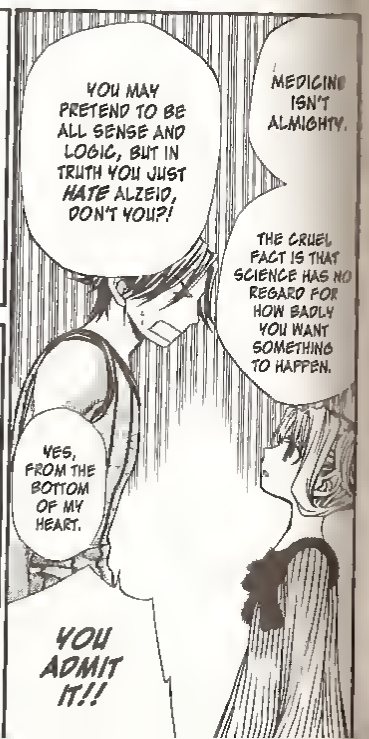
I HAVE BAD NEWS.

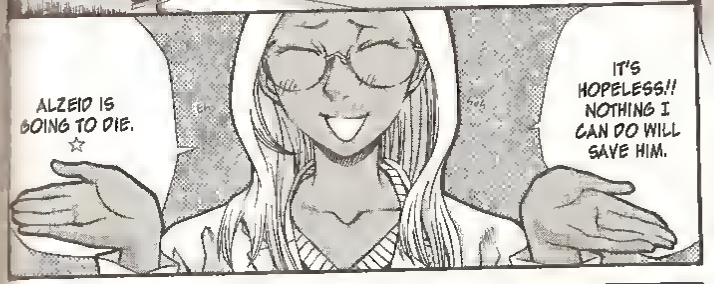


SOMETIMES YOU JUST HAVE TO LET GO.
YOU MUSTN'T ASK THE IMPOSSIBLE OF MISS TAYLOR, RAHZEL.
BE QUIET BRANOWEN!! YOU'LL JUST MAKE THINGS MORE COMPLICATED!
HOW CAN YOU SAY LIKE THAT?!
NO!! THE FIGHT'S NOT OVER YET! NEVER GIVE UP, DOC!!


IT'S OUT OF MY HANDS.
UNLESS WE HAVE A SERUM AGAINST IT, ALL I CAN DO IS RELIEVE THE SYMPTOMS.
WHAT'S ATTACKING HIS BODY ISN'T POISON; IT'S A VIRUS.

SERUM ..IS THERE A WAY WE COULD MAKE ONE OURSELVES?
IT'S NOT IMPOSSIBLE..


YOU MAY PRETEND TO BE ALL SENSE AND LOGIC, BUT IN TRUTH YOU JUST HATE ALZEID, DON'T YOU?!
MEDICINE ISN'T ALMIGHTY.
THE CRUEL FACT IS THAT SCIENCE HAS NO REGARD FOR HOW BADLY YOU WANT SOMETHING TO HAPPEN.
YES, FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART.
YOU ADMIT IT!!


ALZEID IS GOING TO DIE.
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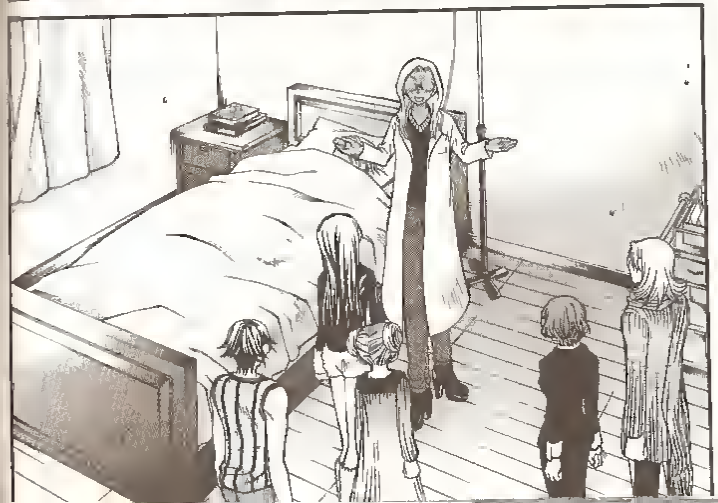
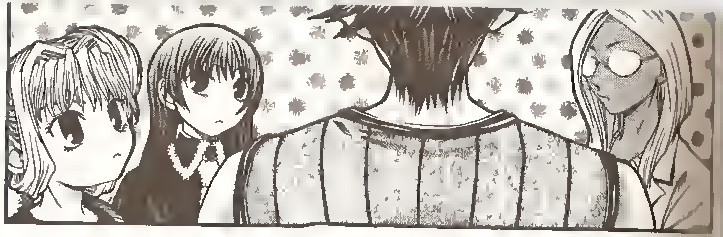
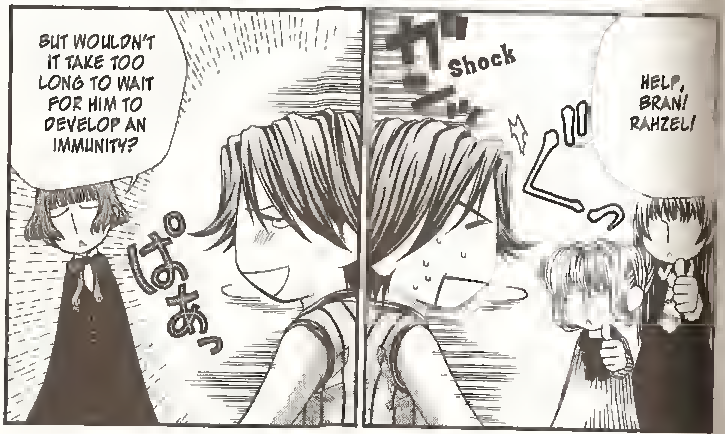
IT'S HOPELESS!! NOTHING I CAN DO WILL SAVE HIM.





...that crass attempt at humor
I'm going to pretend I didn't hear
N-NO!!
--NO!! AT LEAST DILUTE IT! A HUNDRED PERCENT SOLUTION WILL KILL ME BEFORE I DEVELOP ANTIBODIES!
WELL, WE NEED A DECISION RIGHT AWAY. DEEP INSIDE, ISN'T THIS WHAT YOU REALLY WANT?
I...I MAY BE HUNG LIKE A HORSE, BUT THERE'S NO WAY I CAN DO THAT!!


BUT WOULDN'T IT TAKE TOO LONG TO WAIT FOR HIM TO DEVELOP AN IMMUNITY?
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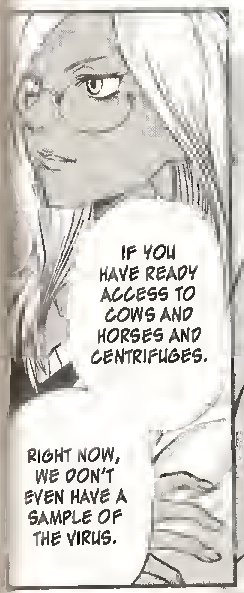
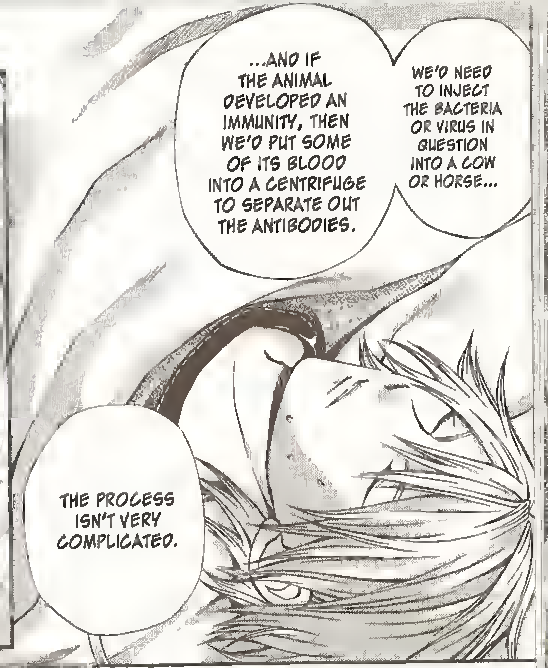
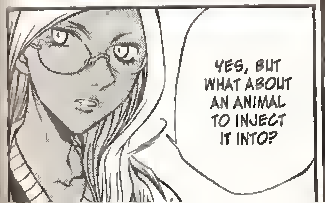
Shock
HELP, BRAN! RAHZEL!




IF YOU HAVE READY ACCESS TO COWS AND HORSES AND CENTRIFUGES.
RIGHT NOW, WE DON'T EVEN HAVE A SAMPLE OF THE VIRUS.


...AND IF THE ANIMAL DEVELOPED AN IMMUNITY, THEN WE'D PUT SOME OF ITS BLOOD INTO A CENTRIFUGE TO SEPARATE OUT THE ANTIBODIES.
WE'D NEED TO INJECT THE BACTERIA OR VIRUS IN QUESTION INTO A COW OR HORSE...
THE PROCESS ISN'T VERY COMPLICATED.

I STILL HAVE SOME OF THE POTION THAT THE GUY GAVE ME TO USE AGAINST ALZEID.
COULD YOU USE THIS TO MAKE THE SERUM?


YES, BUT WHAT ABOUT AN ANIMAL TO INJECT IT INTO?

CAN YOU MAKE THE SERUM FROM SOMEONE ...
...WHO'S ALREADY BEEN INFECTED, LIKE ALZEID?
TECHNICALLY, NO.
UMM...

I'M ESPECIALLY SORRY ABOUT RAYBORN...
I KNOW THAT NO AMOUNT OF APOLOGIZING WILL UNDO THE DAMAGE WE'VE CAUSED.
THEY'RE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALZEID'S CURRENT STATE.
THEY'RE IN THE.. WELL... LIKE THE CLEAN-UP BUSINESS, RIGHT?
I TRULY REGRET THE FACT...
...THAT I ATTACKED YOU BY MISTAKE.
I SEE.
WELL THEN, I GUESS I'LL GO AND TRY TO GET IT FROM HIM.
HEY, BRAN?
DO YOU THINK THE PERSON WHO MADE THIS WOULD HAVE THE ANTIDOTE?
MOST LIKELY.

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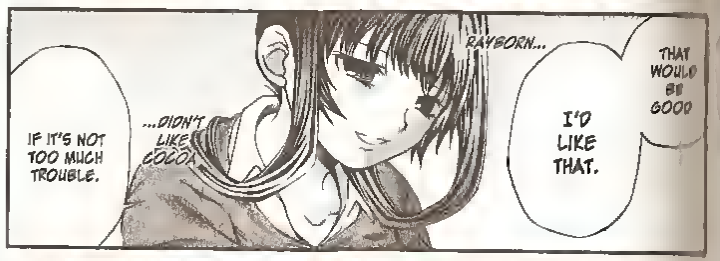
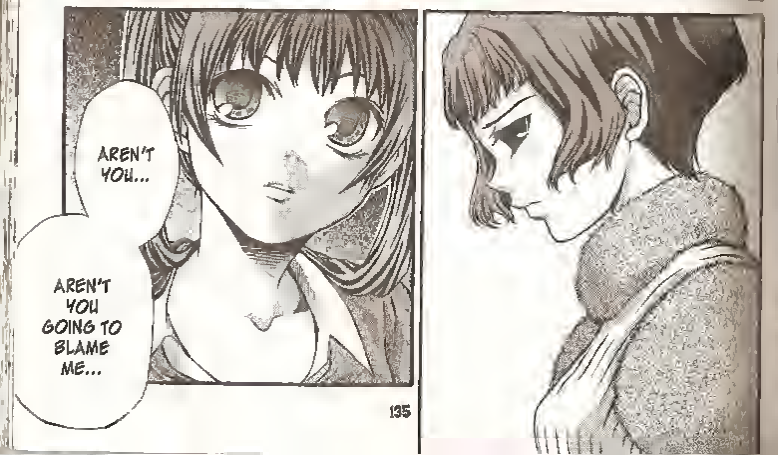
STRANGE... I SEEM TO REMEMBER SOMEONE ELSE WHO WAS OVER-PROTECTIVE LIKE THAT...
NO ONE TOUCHES THE PRINCESS OF OUR FAMILY!
I WONDER WHO THAT WAS...?
Did you?
THANK YOU, BEAUTIFUL GIRL--NO, ANGEL!!
I WILL REPAY YOU WITH MY BODY!
EEEEEK!
Answer: Dad.
WELL...
I AM ASHMA AZHEEM.
THIS IS MY LITTLE SISTER ADDY.
BY THE WAY, I NEVER GOT A CHANCE TO ASK...
WHO ARE YOU GUYS, ANYWAY?
twitch

EXCUSE ME.
Knock Knock

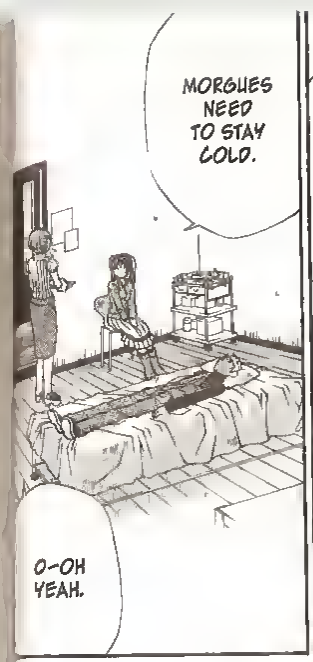
I HAVE A PRETTY GOOD IDEA WHO IT IS.

THIS SOUP IS PIPING HOT LET ME KNOW IF YOU WANT SECONDS.
AND I COULD MAKE SOME COCOA FOR DESSERT IF YOU'D LIKE.
BUT YOU'RE RIGHT. IT REALLY IS FREEZING IN HERE
MAYBE I'LL PUT MY COAT ON.


IF IT'S NOT TOO MUCH TROUBLE.
...DIDN'T LIKE COCOA
RAYBORN...
I'D LIKE THAT.
THAT WOULD BE GOOD


AREN'T YOU...
AREN'T YOU GOING TO BLAME ME...




MORGUES NEED TO STAY COLD.
O-OH YEAH.

ADDY?
DON'T YOU WANT SOME HEAT IN THIS ROOM?
YOU'LL CATCH COLD STAYING IN A FREEZING PLACE LIKE THIS.

OH...
THANKS.
ACTUALLY, I'M STARVING

ANYWAY, I BROUGHT YOU SOMETHING TO EAT.
UMM...
I WOULDN'T WANT YOU TO THINK I'M BEING PUSHY...
THOUGH I DON'T KNOW IF YOU'D WANT TO EAT ANYTHING I MADE.

I WANT...
Clatch
Creak
...TO BE BLAMED AND YELLED AT, TOO.
I WANT TO BE BEATEN TO A BLOODY PULP.
I'D BE MORE COMFORTABLE WITH THAT.
I WANT TO BE TORN INTO A MILLION PIECES.
THEN I WOULDN'T HAVE TO THINK ABOUT ANYTHING.
"I WISH I COULD HAVE DIED IN HIS PLACE."

Gasp
FEEL BETTER?
...FOR WHAT HAPPENED TO NIM AND ALZEID?! I DON'T UNDERSTAND!
IF YOU'D HIT ME OR YELL AT ME I'D--
I'LL LEAVE THIS HERE.
I'LL COME BACK WITH THE COCOA LATER.
I'M SORRY.
BUT I CAN'T EVEN THINK ABOUT IT.
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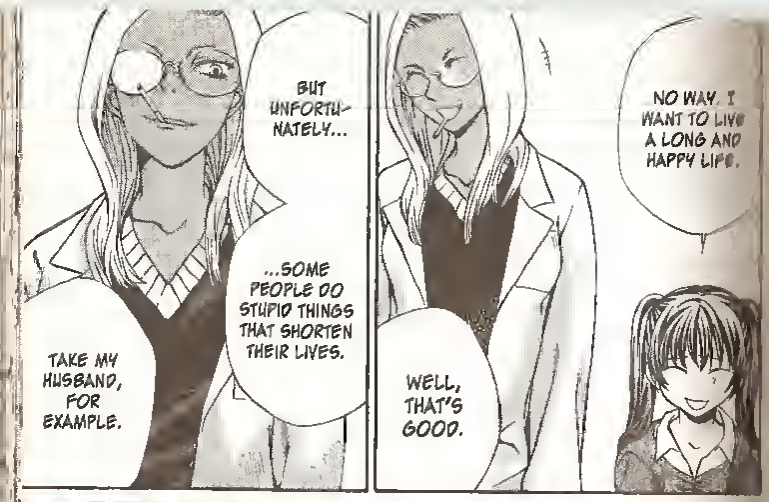
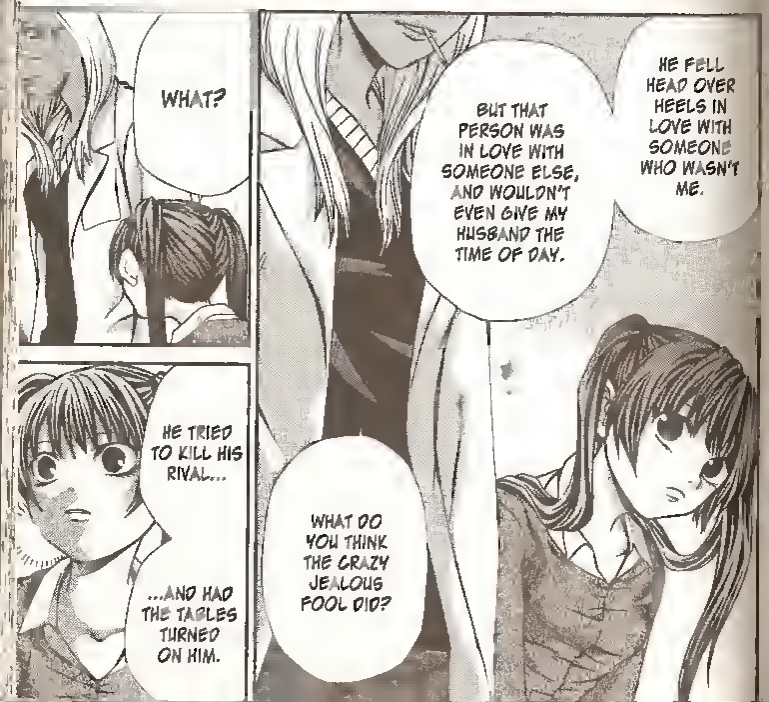
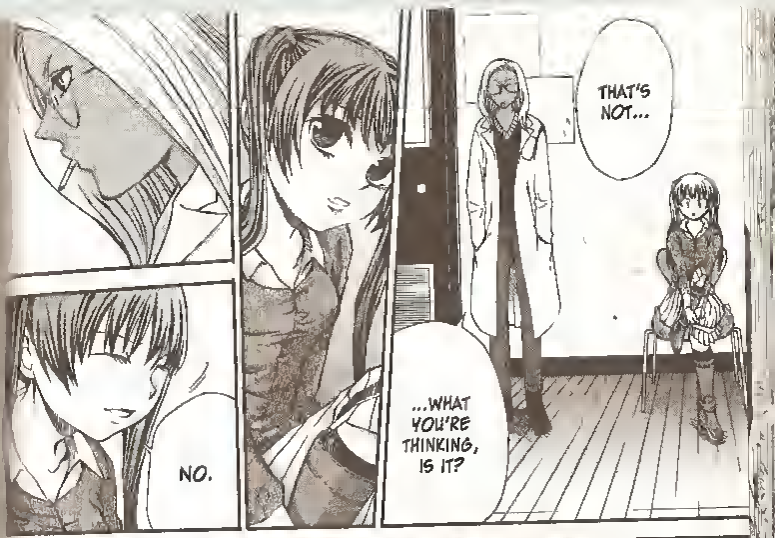
OH...
I'M SORRY...
I MEAN...


TAKE MY HUSBAND, FOR EXAMPLE.
BUT UNFORTU-NATELY...
...SOME PEOPLE DO STUPID THINGS THAT SHORTEN THEIR LIVES.
WELL, THAT'S GOOD.
NO WAY. I WANT TO LIVE A LONG AND HAPPY LIFE.


WHAT?
HE TRIED TO KILL HIS RIVAL...
...AND HAD THE TABLES TURNED ON HIM.
WHAT DO YOU THINK THE CRAZY JEALOUS FOOL DID?
BUT THAT PERSON WAS IN LOVE WITH SOMEONE ELSE, AND WOULDN'T EVEN GIVE MY HUSBAND THE TIME OF DAY.
HE FELL HEAD OVER HEELS IN LOVE WITH SOMEONE WHO WASN'T ME.


NO.
...WHAT YOU'RE THINKING, IS IT?
THAT'S NOT...

I SHOULDN'T HAVE MADE FRIENDS WITH RAYBORN.
I SHOULDN'T HAVE BROUGHT RAYBORN HERE.
I SHOULDN'T HAVE LEFT RAYBORN BY HIMSELF.
MORE ALONG THE LINES OF...
IT DOESN'T TAKE LONG TO GET FROM THERE TO "I SHOULDN'T HAVE BEEN BORN."
THAT'S SERIOUS.

YOU FORGOT THIS.
.....
UH-HUH.
THANKS.
EAT YOUR DINNER AND GET SOME SLEEP.
DON'T DO ANYTHING FOOLISH LIKE WAITING UP FOR BAROQUEHEAT.
HE'S SOMEONE THAT WOULDN'T GIVE A SECOND THOUGHT TO GETTING A TASTE OF ONE OF THE TOWN BEAUTIES ON HIS WAY HOME.
YOU...
...YOU KNOW WHAT THAT IS, RIGHT?
IT'S...
...THE RESTORATION AND PRESERVATION OF CORPSES.
WELL, ENOUGH NONSENSE...
.....
I WANT TO START EMBALMING THIS KID, SO YOU'LL PROBABLY WANT TO LEAVE THE ROOM NOW.
EITHER WAY, HE'S STILL DEAD.
YOU WANT YOUR LAST IMPRESSION OF SOMEONE'S FACE TO BE A GOOD ONE, DON'T YOU?
THAT'S RIGHT. YOU REPLACE THE BLOOD WITH A PRESERVATIVE AND REPAIR THE DAMAGE TO THE BODY...
...THEN APPLY MAKEUP TO THE FACE, SO HE LOOKS AS GOOD AS HE DID IN LIFE.
WOULD YOU RATHER SEND HOME A HUNK OF MEAT THAT NO ONE WILL WANT TO LOOK AT?

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Sliiiiiiiiide
ぺたんっ
Plop
OH DEAR...
IT'S RATHER DISTURBING TO HAVE A GUY FOLLOW YOU AROUND.
BAROQUE-HEAT...
...BETTER GET BACK QUICKLY.

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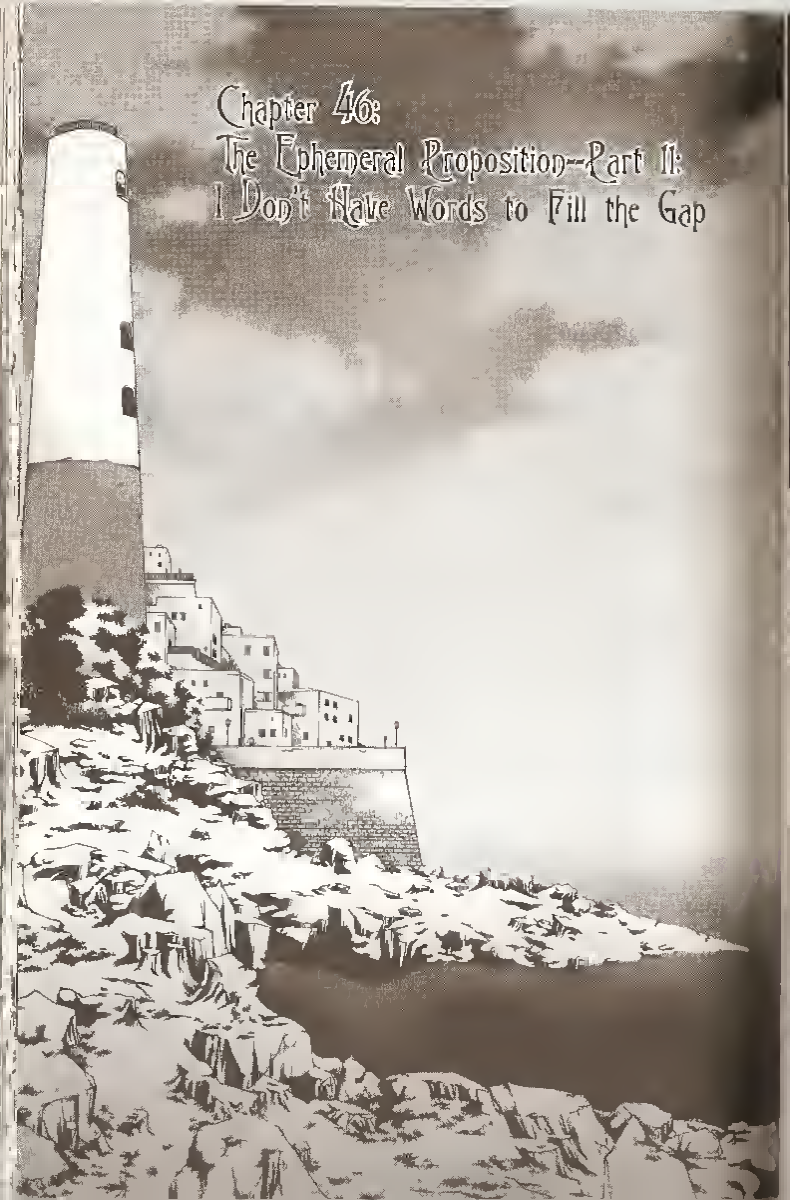
# I Don't Have Words to Fill the Gap



WHAT TO DO?
I WANT THE MEDICINE YOU'VE GOT, BIG BROTHER.
PLEASE? ♡
OH DEAR. YOU'RE BEGGING A MAN? HOW DISGUSTING.
WELL, SHALL WE CONTINUE OUR DISCUSSION ELSEWHERE?

GO GET IT, BOY!!
NOT THAT AGAIN!!
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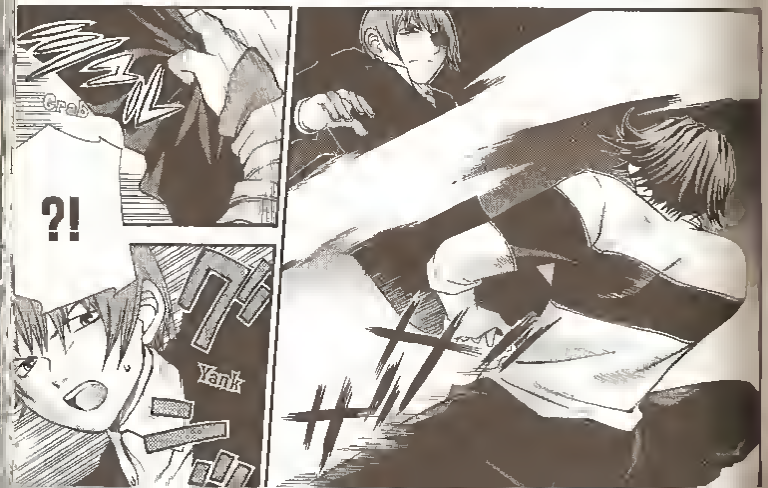
WHAT?
SHAKE, HEAT!!
RUFF!
はったWag
RUFF RUFF! RUFF RUFF!
ひょ!!
WHAT?
はったWag
はったWag
AGAIN.
CAN I HAVE IT?
IT'S JUST A JOKE. I HAVE ANOTHER ONE, SO BACK OFF.
That soon be fun too, but
You're making me nervous
...I'LL GET KICKED AND TAUNTED BY THE PRINCESSES, AND I'LL BE PUNISHED OH SO SEVERELY...
UMM, KIARA, SIR, IF I DON'T BRING THAT MEDICINE BACK SOON...
WELL...
OH, I SEE.
DO I LOOK THAT KIND?

OH, BROTHER DEAR, WHY DID YOU BRING ME TO A DESOLATE PLACE LIKE THIS?
DO YOU HAVE SOMETHING SEXY IN MIND?
YOU'RE SO COLD!
DON'T YOU HAVE PILES OF STUFF YOU WANT TO TELL THE LITTLE BROTHER YOU HAVEN'T SEEN IN AGES?
QUIT IT WITH THE NONSENSE, UNLESS YOU WANT ME TO LEAVE RIGHT NOW.
WHAT DO YOU WANT FOR IT?
YES! HOW PERCEPTIVE OF YOU!
AND YOU WANT THIS, RIGHT?
YOU DON'T EXPECT TO GET IT FOR FREE, DO YOU?

BLADE ENVY?
OH DEAR, IS THAT JEALOUSY I SENSE?
WHY DON'T YOU USE IT?
YOU'RE NOT THINKING OF FIGHTING ME BAREHANDED, ARE YOU?


Grab
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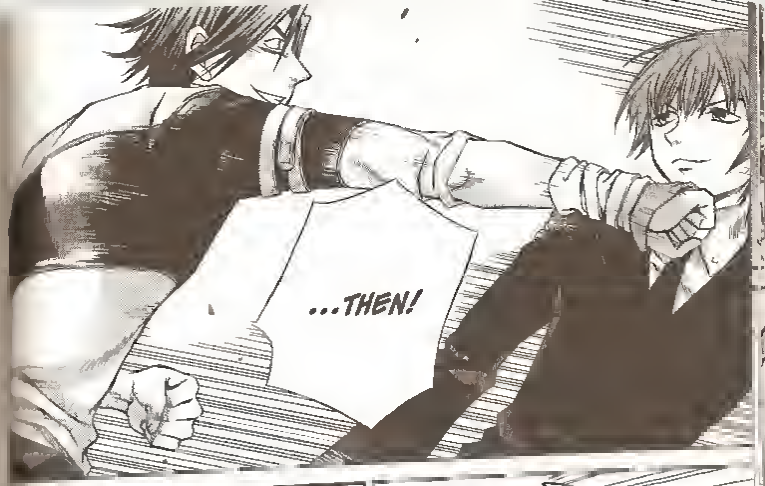
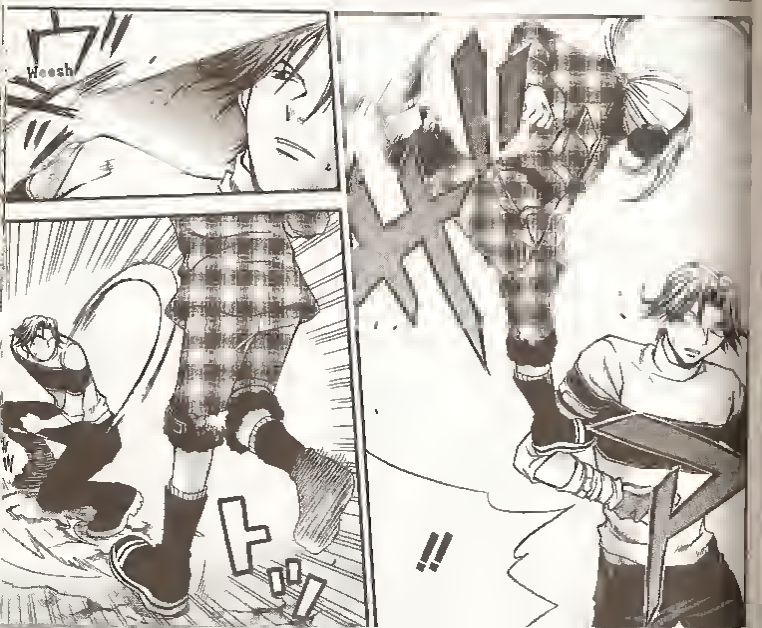
Yank


...THEN!

Whip
YOU'VE GOT AN INTERESTING WEAPON THERE, KIARA.
A nocktte blade?
OH? IT'S NOT AS INTERESTING AS THE BLADE IN YOUR RIGHT HAND.
WHOA.
Slash

ALL RIGHT?
ALZEID?


Whoosh
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Wham
IT'S BECAUSE IT WON'T BE A FAIR FIGHT UNLESS I GIVE MYSELF A HANDICAP.
WHY DON'T I USE IT? YOU KNOW WHY.

IS THAT SO? YOU SURE ARE CONFIDENT.
IN THAT CASE, THERE'S ONE MORE THING I WANT YOU TO DO, OKAY?

WHY?
I SMELL RAHZEL ON HIM.
HEY, KIARA...
HEY, JERKS!
YES, PRECISELY.
DAY IN AND DAY OUT-- YOU MEAN ALL THE TIME?
HE KNOWS RAHZEL?!
DON'T LEAVE ME OUT OF THE CONVERSATION!!
THAT'S BECAUSE HE'S WITH HER DAY IN AND DAY OUT.
I SEE...
HOW IRRITATING.
Ahahahaha
IS THAT TRUE, OLD MAN?!
EVEN WHEN YOU TAKE A BATH AND GO TO BED?!
WELL, YES.
EVERY DAY'S A FINE DAY, FULL OF LOVE AND JOY.
W-WELL, YES. THAT COMES WITH THE TERRITORY.

?!
Bang
Bang
"ALZEID"
?
WHAT'S GOING ON?
WHO'RE YOU, KIDDO?
BULLETS?
NO, MAGIC?!
REACH FOR THE SKY, YOU OUTLAW!
KAPOW!

DAMN!
...BUT IF I DON'T KILL HIM, HE'LL KILL ME!
I DON'T WANT TO DO THIS TO A KID...

!!
Crack crack
Shiver
DIE.

OH DEAR. ARE YOU UPSET THAT I SAID "US"?
I'M SORRY. YOU'RE NOT REALLY PART OF US--OUR FAMILY.
I JUST DON'T GET IT.
WHY'RE YOU TRYING TO SAVE THAT GUY?
WHETHER HE LIVES OR DIES IS TOTALLY IRRELEVANT TO US.
YOU'RE ALZEIO'S...
SHUT UP!!
Stab

OH, COME ON, HEAT.
WON'T YOU PLAY WITH ME, TOO?
IF YOU TRY IT, YOU MIGHT DISCOVER THAT YOU LIKE IT.
REALLY?
AND WHAT IS THAT KNIFE FOR, PRAY TELL?
THIS KIND OF PERVERTED PLAY IS BEYOND EVEN ME.
BEING PINNED DOWN BY A MAN ISN'T SOMETHING I'M ACCUSTOMED TO.

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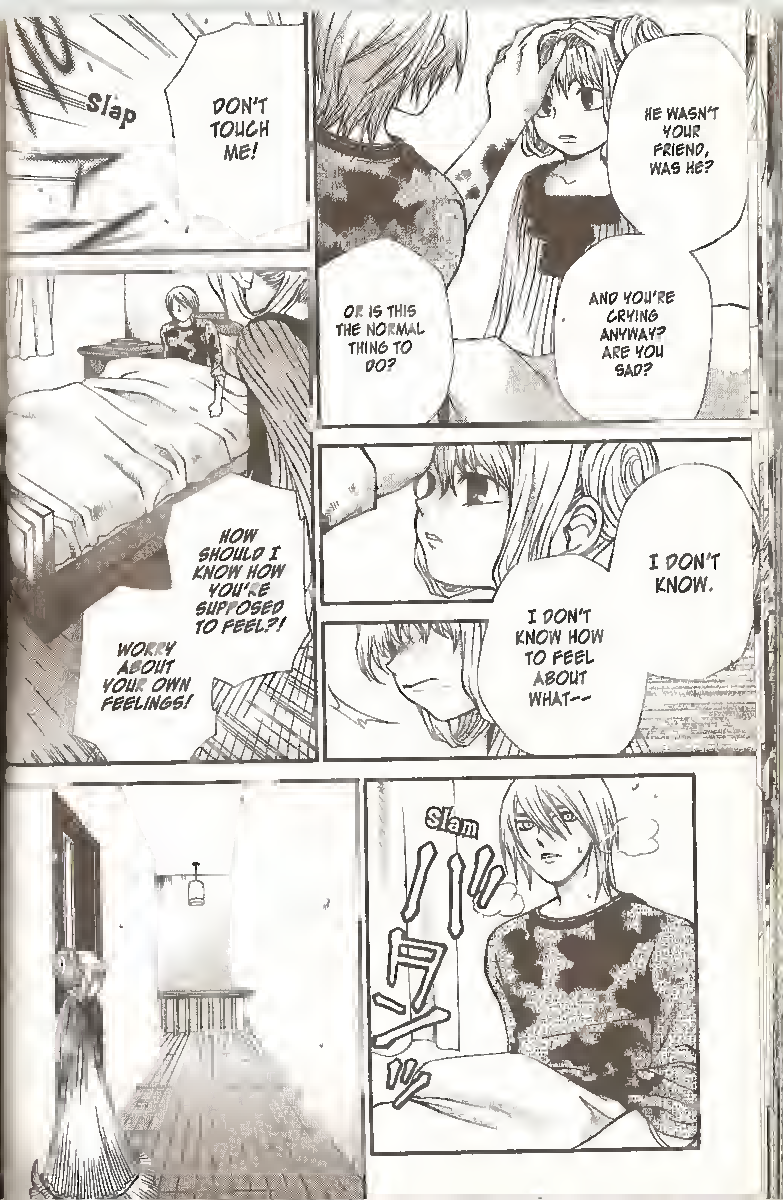
WHY? WHY DO I HAVE TO TAKE CARE OF THIS IDIOT?!
COME BACK SOON, BAROQUEHEAT!!
DRIP
DRIP DRIP
I...
...NEVER THOUGHT OF YOU AS MY LITTLE BROTHER.
Stab
UHH...
HERE!
JUST TO GET EVEN, I'LL PUT THIS ON HIM WITHOUT WRINGING IT OUT.

YOU ALWAYS WERE NATSUME'S FAVORITE.
AND I'VE ALWAYS HATED YOU FOR IT, BAROQUEHEAT.
Grind
I'M TRULY HURT...
SINCE WHEN DO YOU GET TO ORDER ME AROUND?
YOU REALLY GET ON MY NERVES.
ESPECIALLY THIS BUTTERFLY.
EVEN NOW, I STILL LIKE YOU.
BIG BROTHER.

MASTER RAYBORN GOT KILLED BECAUSE OF YOU!
YOU AS GOOD AS KILLED HIM YOURSELF!
HE DIED TO SAVE YOU!!
I SEE.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, YOU SEE?!
IF YOU HADN'T BEEN AROUND, THIS NEVER WOULD HAVE HAPPENED!
IF YOU HADN'T DONE TH--!
gasp
NO, YOU'RE NOT THE ONE.
I'VE MADE A FALSE ACCUSATION.
I'M SORRY. FORGIVE ME.
WHY ARE YOU CRYING?
WHAT, WHO, WHERE, WHEN?
OR RATHER... WHERE AM I?
WHO AM I ANYWAY?
WHEN, WHO, WHERE, WHAT?
ERR, UMM, WELL...
mumble
GET AHOLD OF YOURSELF, ALZEID.
?!
...OH...
skid
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE, BRANOWEN?
Huff
Dust cough
.....
HE WAS ASSAULTED BY A GANG OF TOWNSPEOPLE.
BY THE TIME WE FOUND HIM, HE WAS ALREADY DEAD.
RAY-BORN...
...THAT GUY I KNOW... ANY IDEA WHAT HAPPENED TO HIM?

KIARA...
IS THAT THE MAN NATSUME LIKES?
I THINK SO.
WHAT'S THE HOLDUP? COME ON.
YEAH, I'M COMING.
BUT WHAT'LL THE OTHERS SAY?!
HA HA... DON'T BE SUCH A STIFF.
SAROMA'S HEAT, THERE'S NO SMOKING IN THE LAB
I SEE.
I GUESS IT'S OKAY THEN.


Slap
DON'T TOUCH ME!
HOW SHOULD I KNOW HOW YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO FEEL?!
WORRY ABOUT YOUR OWN FEELINGS!
HE WASN'T YOUR FRIEND, WAS HE?
AND YOU'RE CRYING ANYWAY? ARE YOU SAD?
OR IS THIS THE NORMAL THING TO DO?
I DON'T KNOW.
I DON'T KNOW HOW TO FEEL ABOUT WHAT--
Slam

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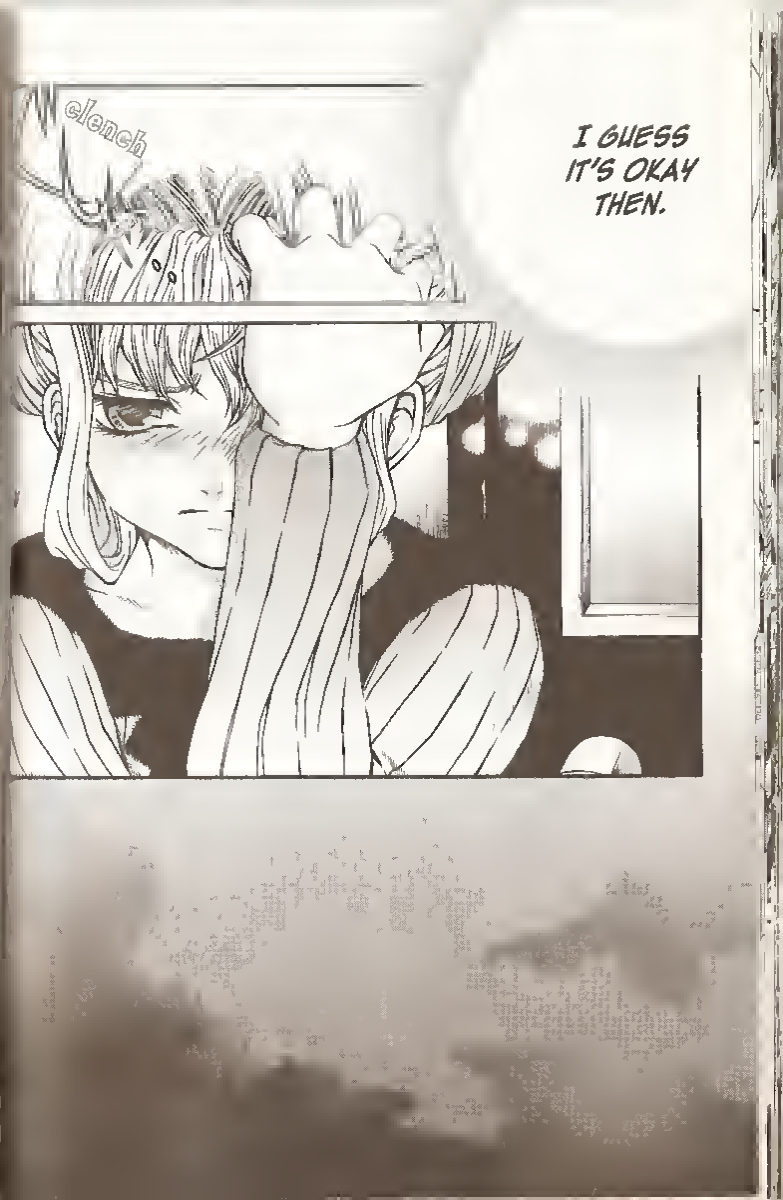
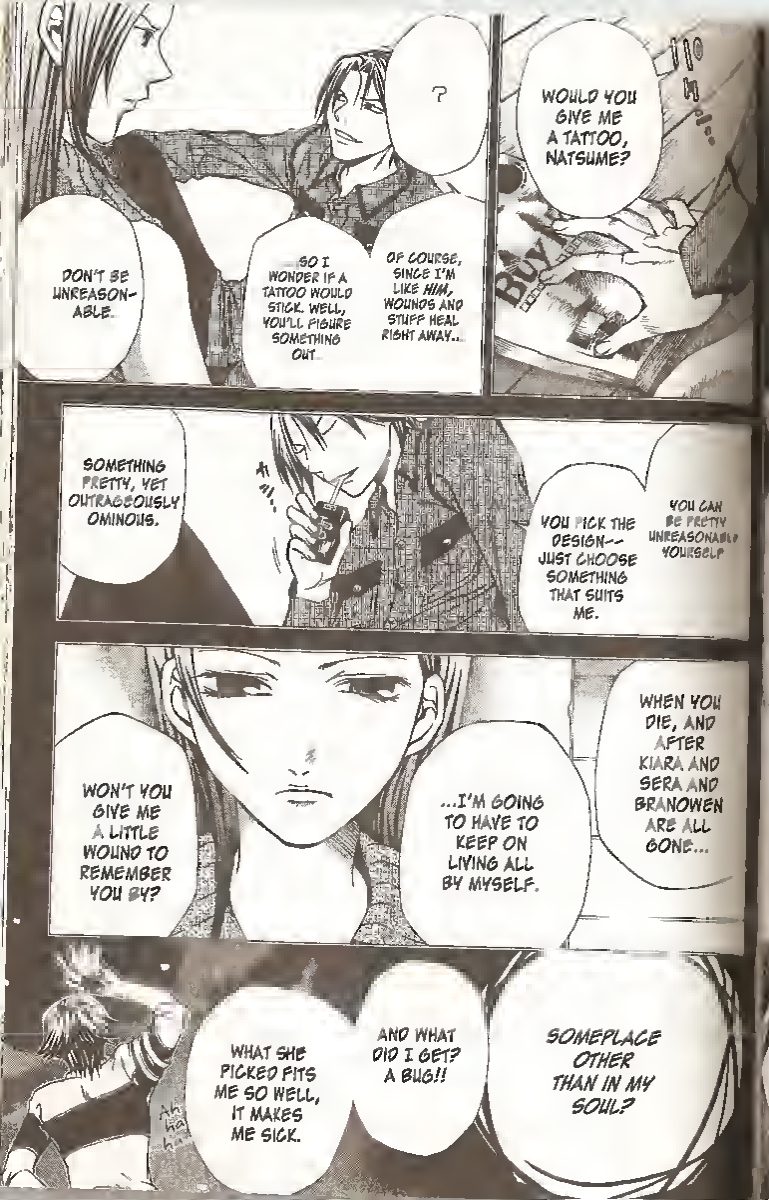
shlork
I HAVE TO GO BACK
clatter
clatter


clench
I GUESS IT'S OKAY THEN.


?
DON'T BE UNREASONABLE.
...SO I WONDER IF A TATTOO WOULD STICK. WELL, YOU'LL FIGURE SOMETHING OUT.
OF COURSE, SINCE I'M LIKE HIM, WOUNDS AND STUFF HEAL RIGHT AWAY...
WOULD YOU GIVE ME A TATTOO, NATSUME?
BUY
SOMETHING PRETTY, YET OUTRAGEOUSLY OMINOUS.
YOU PICK THE DESIGN-- JUST CHOOSE SOMETHING THAT SUITS ME.
YOU CAN BE PRETTY UNREASONABLY YOURSELF
WON'T YOU GIVE ME A LITTLE WOUND TO REMEMBER YOU BY?
...I'M GOING TO HAVE TO KEEP ON LIVING ALL BY MYSELF.
WHEN YOU DIE, AND AFTER KIARA AND SERA AND BRANOWEN ARE ALL GONE...
WHAT SHE PICKED FITS ME SO WELL, IT MAKES ME SICK.
AND WHAT DID I GET? A BUG!!
SOMEPLACE OTHER THAN IN MY SOUL?

SHE NEVER GAVE ME ANY SPECIAL TREATMENT...
KIARA'S JUST A JEALOUS IDIOT.
BAROQUE-HEAT.
AFTER I DIE--

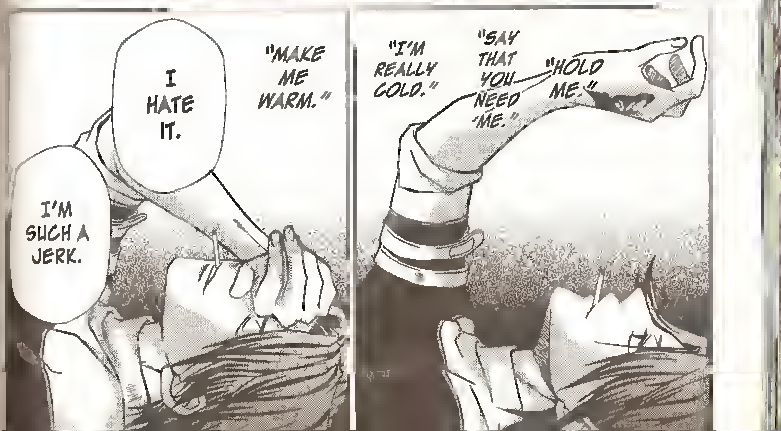
REALLY...
...A TINY, INSIGNIFICANT BUG.
In the darkness...
...it always seeks the light....
...and gets scorched by the burning flame.
After its flesh is roasted...
...it falls to the ground and gets covered in mud.
The light...
...in the darkness...
I'M BACK.
I GOT LITTLE BOY AL'S MEDICINE.

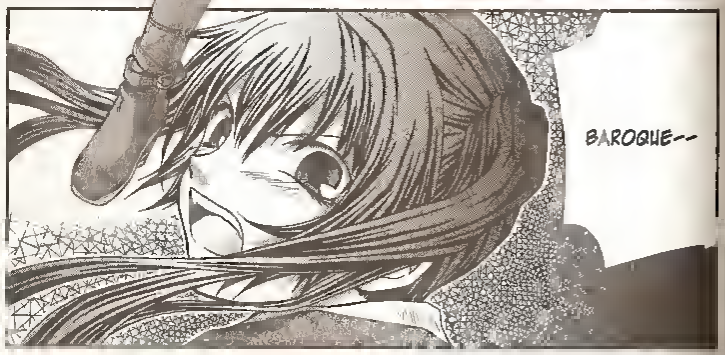
I'M GOING TO DO BAD, BAD THINGS.
STOP-- THAT HURTS
THINGS THAT WILL MAKE DEAR RAMLEE CRY OUT IN PROTEST.
DAMN IT!!
WHAT D'YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?
WHAT?
SORRY--
!!
THE CROTCH IS OUT OF BOUNDS...
Shut up!
BE THANKFUL I DIDN'T CUT IT OFF AND FEED IT TO THE DOGS!!
Ram
IF SORRY WERE GOOD ENOUGH, WE WOULDN'T NEED THE POLICE OR THE COURTS OR THE ENTIRE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM OR ANYTHING!!
EEYOWW!!

MM...?
OH, YOU'RE BACK, BAROQUE-HEAT.
SORRY, I FELL ASLEEP.
I MEANT TO STAY UP AND WAIT FOR YOU.
HEY, YOU'RE SCARING ME.
YOUR FACE IS TOO CLO--
NGH?!

DID YOU COME BACK TO CARRY OUT YOUR THREAT?
OR, DON'T TELL ME...
YOU WANT TO--

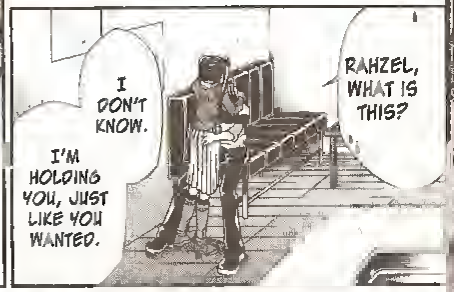
Chik
Chik
HOW COULD I EVER SAY IT OUT LOUD?
C-CUT IT OFF...
HOW CRUEL...
Slam
Poom
"HEY, COME CLOSER."
I CAN'T DROP THE FAÇADE...

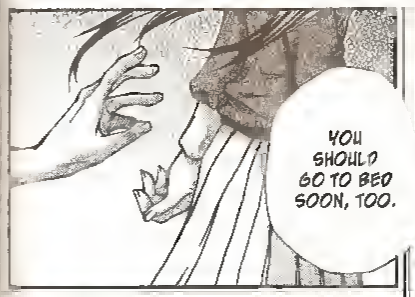

I HATE IT.
"MAKE ME WARM."
I'M SUCH A JERK.
"I'M REALLY COLD."
"SAY THAT YOU NEED ME."
"HOLD ME."


BAROQUE--

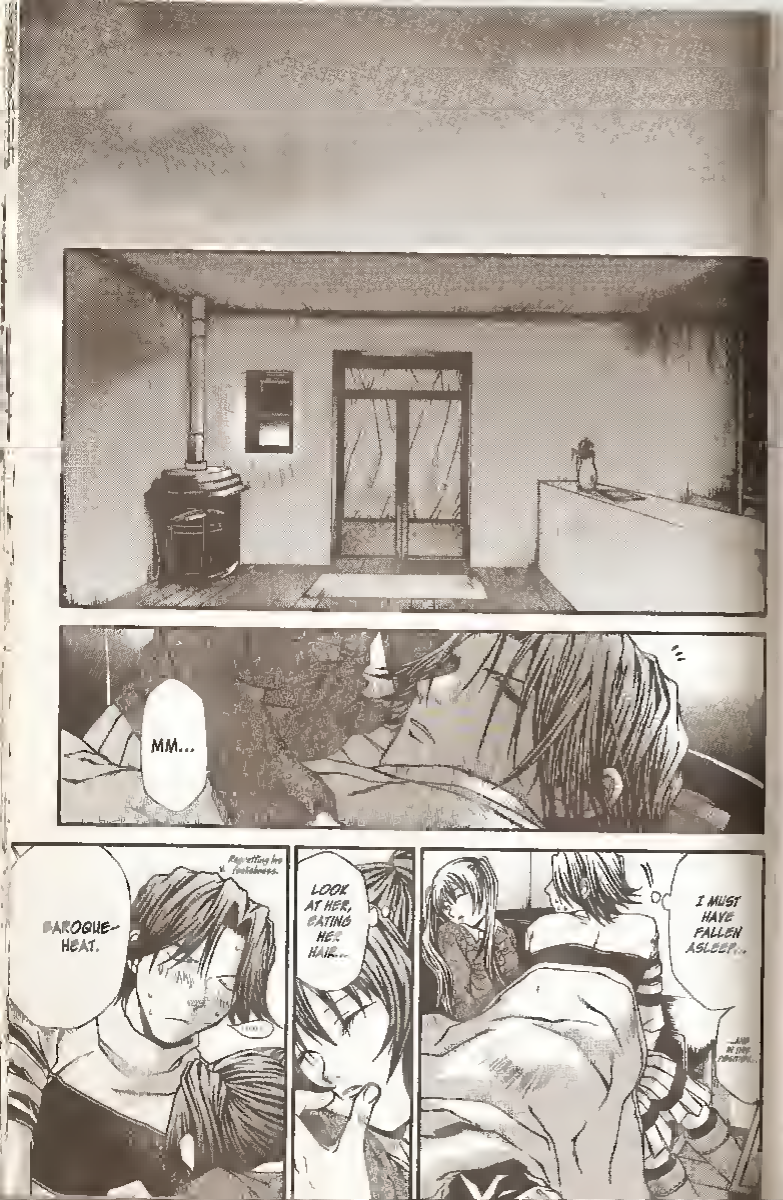
OH, NO. YOU KNOW THIS ISN'T WHAT I MEANT...
WHAT I WANT IS THE DIRTIER VERSION.
ARE YOU COMPLETELY INCAPABLE OF KEEPING YOUR MIND OUT OF THE GUTTER FOR FIVE SECONDS?

I GAVE THE SERUM TO TAYLOR.
THANK YOU. I'M SURE IT WASN'T EASY.


RAHZEL, WHAT IS THIS?
I DON'T KNOW.
I'M HOLDING YOU, JUST LIKE YOU WANTED.


YOU SHOULD GO TO BED SOON, TOO.

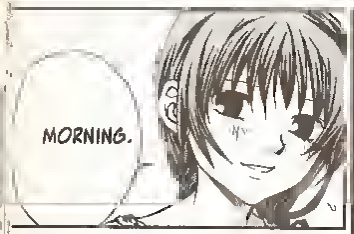
OH? GOING ALREADY?
YEAH, TO BED. I'M SLEEPY.


MM...
Regretting her foolishness.
BAROQUE-HEAT.
LOOK AT HER, EATING HER HAIR...
I MUST HAVE FALLEN ASLEEP...
...AND IN THE FACTORY...

Squeeze

TOO BAD. RAHZEL WOULD HAVE BEEN EXCITED TO SEE LOTS OF SNOW.
SHE WANTED TO HAVE A SNOWBALL FIGHT...
...WITH EVERYBODY.
THE SNOW...
HAS IT STOPPED?
WAS IT SNOWING? I HADN'T NOTICED.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING UP IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT?
COULDN'T SLEEP?
SOMETHING LIKE THAT.
BRANOWEN?
WITH EVERYONE...
THAT WOULD BE FUN.
GOOD IDEA.
Knock Knock Knock Knock Knock
Knock
Knock Knock
UH... GH..
SIMPLE THINGS LIKE THAT SEEM SO FAR AWAY NOW.
?
IS SOMETHING THE MATTER?
I WANTED TO ASK YOU A FAVOR, BRANOWEN...
I'M GLAD TO SEE YOU, THOUGH.
.....
YOU SHOULD TAKE RAHZEL TO BED.
SHE'LL CATCH A COLD SLEEPING IN A PLACE LIKE THIS.
YEAH, YOU'RE RIGHT.

ALZEID!!
OH...
ADDY...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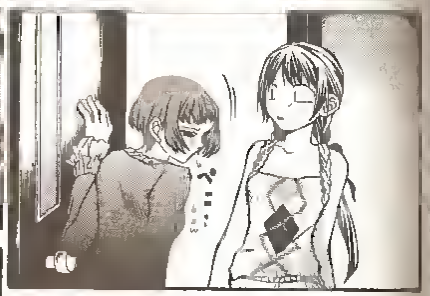

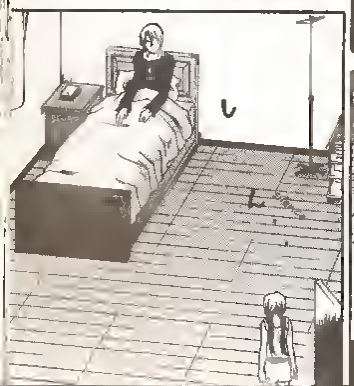

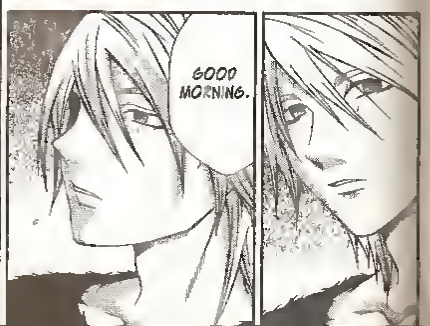
GOOD MORNING.

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GOOD MORNING.
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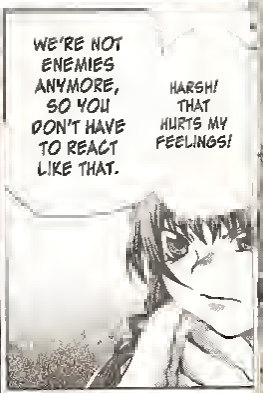
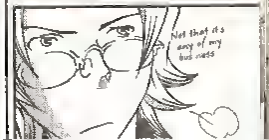
HUH?
WHEN DID I CHANGE OUT OF MY CLOTHES...?
WHOOSE
Knock Knock
ARE YOU UP? I'M COMING IN.

MOVE!!
WHOA!

ANYWAY, I CAME HERE TO TELL YOU ALZEID IS AWAKE.

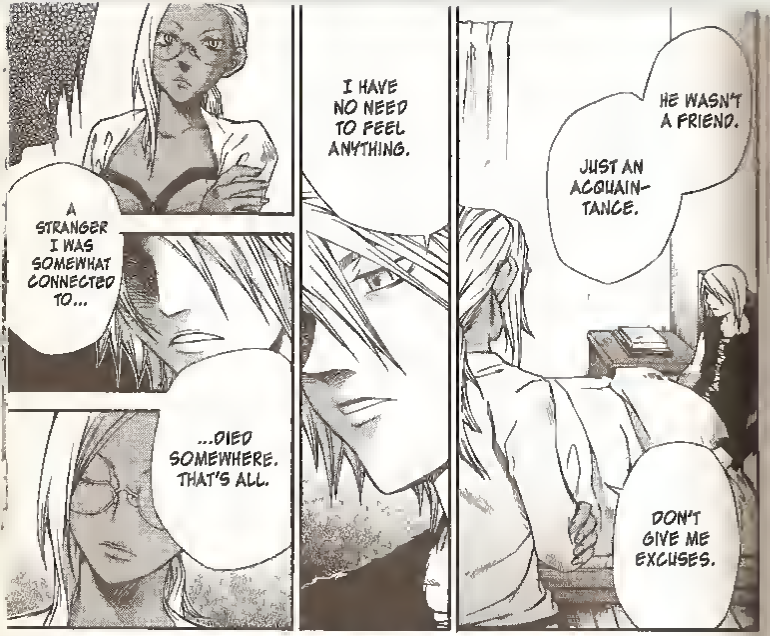

WE'RE NOT ENEMIES ANYMORE, SO YOU DON'T HAVE TO REACT LIKE THAT.
HARSH! THAT HURTS MY FEELINGS!

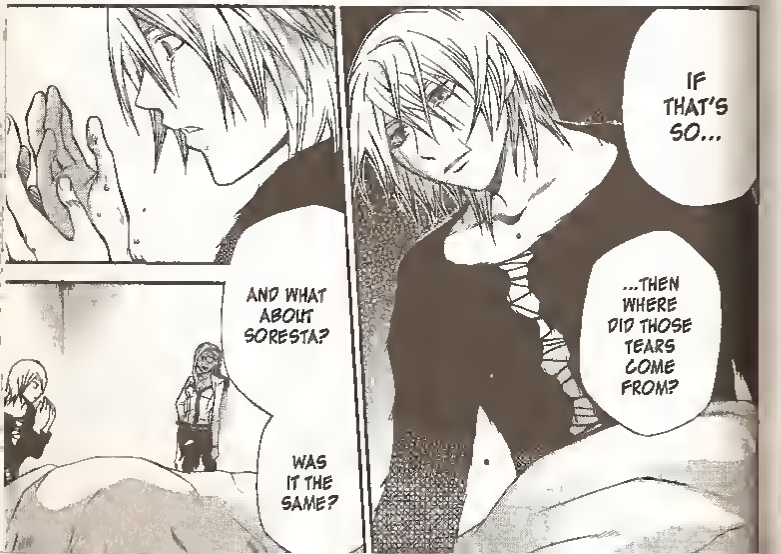

Not that it's any of my business

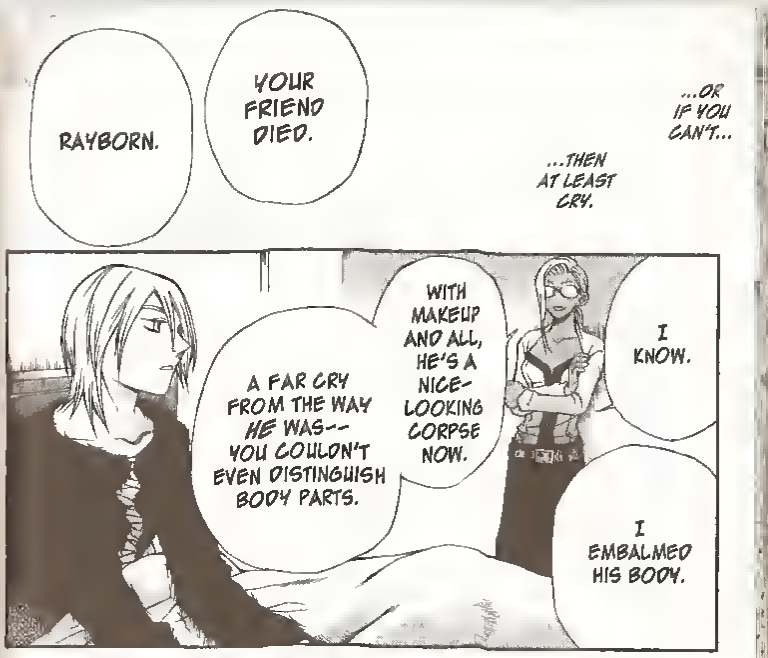
B-BUT...
GO.
IT'S ALL RIGHT.
WHY ARE YOU DRESSED LIKE THAT, RAHZEL?
OH--I CAME IN A HURRY.
GO GET DRESSED. YOU DON'T WANT TO CATCH A COLD.
click
WHMM...
creak
ABOUT RAYBORN--
OH, TAYLOR.
ALZEID'S AWAKE?
DO YOU REMEMBER SORESTA?
UH-HUH?
WHEN WE WERE IN THE ARMY, TAYLOR AND SORESTA WORKED TOGETHER...
...AS MEDICS.
HEY, HEY.
IT'S BEEN A WHILE. NOT EVEN A HELLO?
HOW UNFRIENDLY.
?
You know each other?

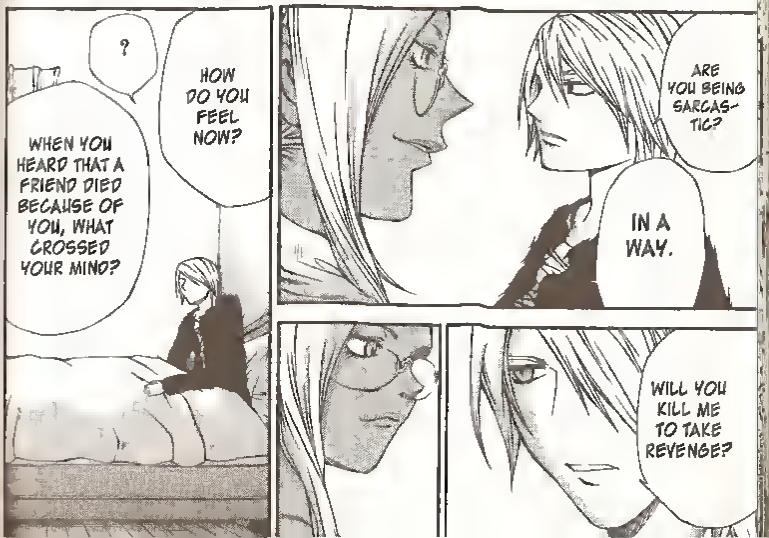
BESIDES, ALZEID ISN'T SOMEONE WHO'S EASY TO KILL.
IF SHE WANTED REVENGE, SHE ALREADY HAD PLENTY OF CHANCES.
DON'T LOOK SO WORRIED.
"DIE" AND "KILL"...
HOW MANY TIMES HAVE I HEARD THOSE WORDS IN THE LAST 24 HOURS?
PLEASE SMILE...
IT'S JUST BEEN ONE DAY, BUT IT SEEMS LIKE AGES SINCE THE LAST TIME I SAW HER SMILE.

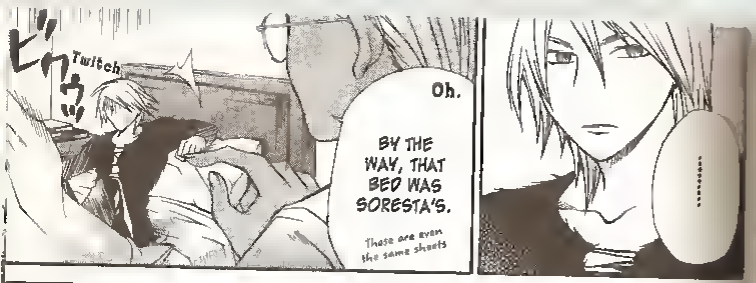
...THAT THE TWO OF THEM WOULD GET MARRIED.
?!
THOUGH I NEVER IMAGINED...
...FORGET SUCH A SIGHT?
HOW COULD I EVER...
DON'T YOU THINK...
...WE SHOULD LET THEM SETTLE IT BETWEEN THE TWO OF THEM?
NO, RAHZEL.
LET ME GO!!
THERE'S NO GETTING AWAY FROM THE FACT...
...THAT ALZEID KILLED TAYLOR'S HUSBAND, NO MATTER WHAT THE REASON WAS...


A STRANGER I WAS SOMEWHAT CONNECTED TO...
...DIED SOMEWHERE. THAT'S ALL.
I HAVE NO NEED TO FEEL ANYTHING.
HE WASN'T A FRIEND.
JUST AN ACQUAIN-TANCE.
DON'T GIVE ME EXCUSES.


AND WHAT ABOUT SORESTA?
WAS IT THE SAME?
IF THAT'S SO...
...THEN WHERE DID THOSE TEARS COME FROM?


RAYBORN.
YOUR FRIEND DIED.
...OR IF YOU CAN'T...
...THEN AT LEAST CRY.
A FAR CRY FROM THE WAY HE WAS-- YOU COULDN'T EVEN DISTINGUISH BODY PARTS.
WITH MAKEUP AND ALL, HE'S A NICE-LOOKING CORPSE NOW.
I KNOW.
I EMBALMED HIS BODY.


WHEN YOU HEARD THAT A FRIEND DIED BECAUSE OF YOU, WHAT CROSSED YOUR MIND?
?
HOW DO YOU FEEL NOW?
ARE YOU BEING SARCAS-TIC?
IN A WAY.
WILL YOU KILL ME TO TAKE REVENGE?


ビクッ!!
Twitch
Oh.
BY THE WAY, THAT BED WAS SORESTA'S.
These are even the same sheets
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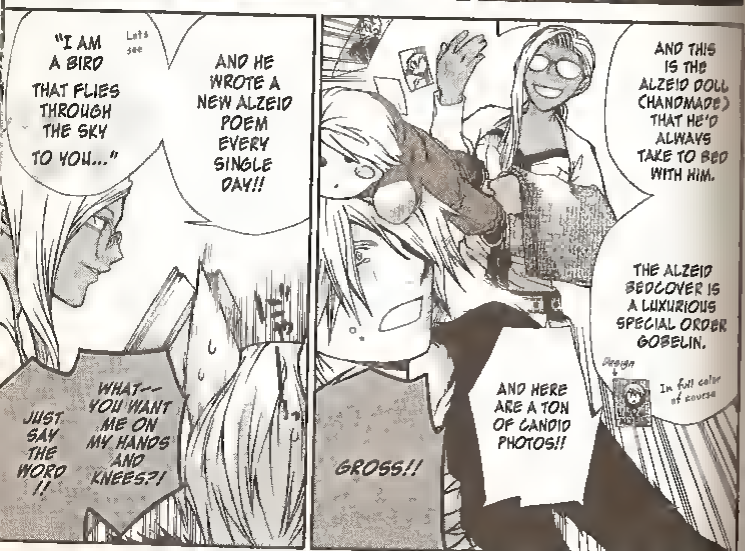
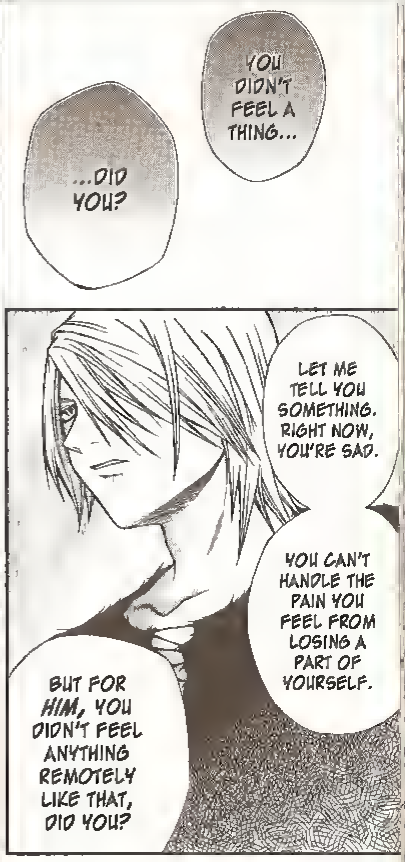
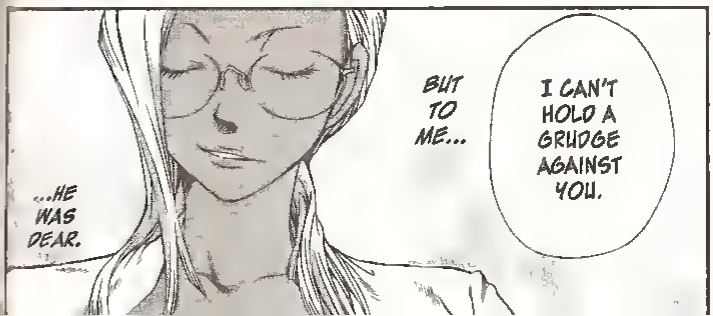

"I AM A BIRD THAT FLIES THROUGH THE SKY TO YOU..."
Let's see
AND HE WROTE A NEW ALZEID POEM EVERY SINGLE DAY!!
JUST SAY THE WORD!!
WHAT--YOU WANT ME ON MY HANDS AND KNEES?!
AND THIS IS THE ALZEID DOLL (HANDMADE) THAT HE'D ALWAYS TAKE TO BED WITH HIM.
THE ALZEID BEDCOVER IS A LUXURIOUS SPECIAL ORDER GOBELIN.
Design
In full color of course
AND HERE ARE A TON OF CANDID PHOTOS!!
GROSS!!

JUST PUT ME OUT OF MY MISERY ALREADY!
I'M ASKING YOU HOW YOU FEEL, ALZEID!!
HOW DO YOU FEEL NOW?

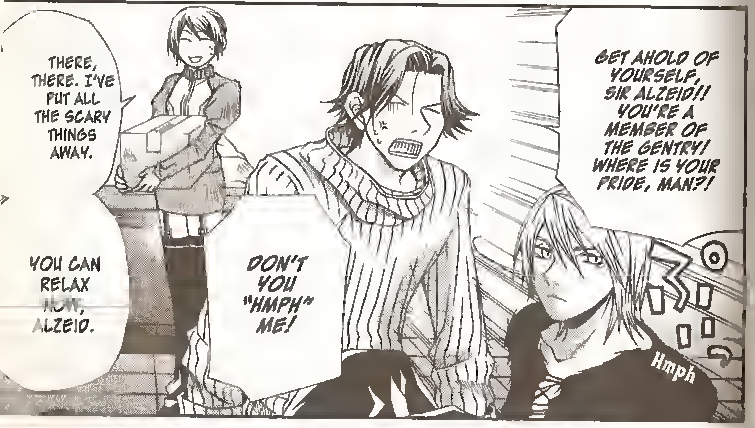
THERE'S A CLEAR DIVIDING LINE...
...BETWEEN THOSE WHO ARE SPECIAL...
...AND THE STRANGERS WHO AREN'T.
HE WAS JUST TOO STUPID TO REALIZE THAT BEFORE IT WAS TOO LATE.
HE REALLY WAS HOPELESS.

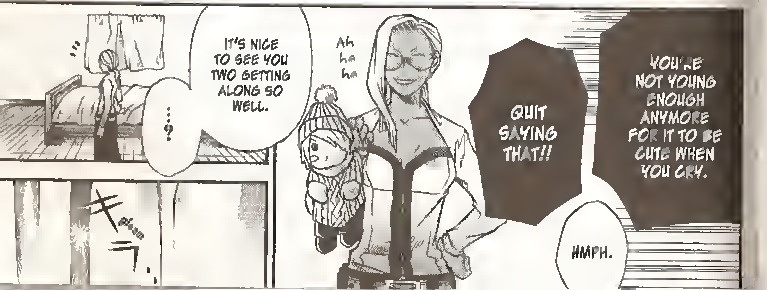

YOU DIDN'T FEEL A THING...
...DID YOU?
LET ME TELL YOU SOMETHING. RIGHT NOW, YOU'RE SAD.
YOU CAN'T HANDLE THE PAIN YOU FEEL FROM LOSING A PART OF YOURSELF.
BUT FOR HIM, YOU DIDN'T FEEL ANYTHING REMOTELY LIKE THAT, DID YOU?

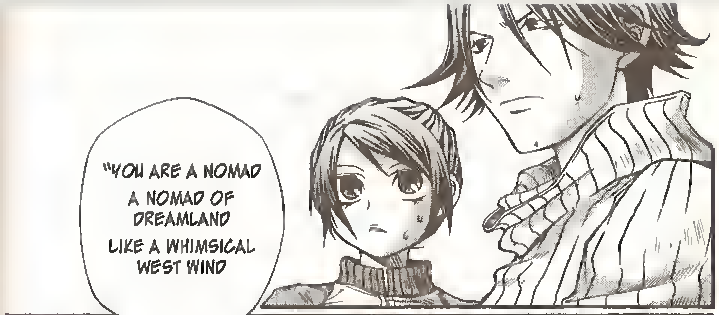

...HE WAS DEAR.
BUT TO ME...
I CAN'T HOLD A GRUDGE AGAINST YOU.

HE'S LIKE A LITTLE FRIGHTENED ANIMAL.
Shiver

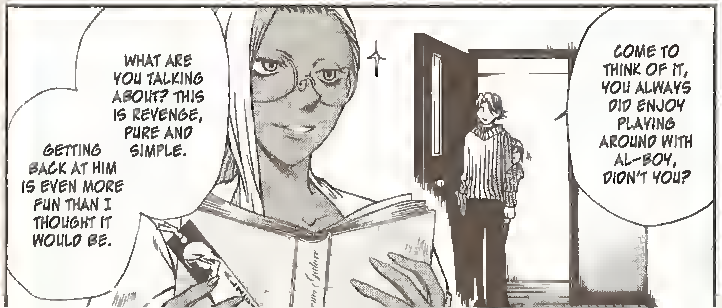
See you are playing around
WELL, ANYWAY...
...IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU RECOVERED(?).


THERE, THERE. I'VE PUT ALL THE SCARY THINGS AWAY.
YOU CAN RELAX NOW, ALZEID.
DON'T YOU "HMPH" ME!
GET AHOLD OF YOURSELF, SIR ALZEID!! YOU'RE A MEMBER OF THE GENTRY! WHERE IS YOUR PRIDE, MAN?!
Hmph


IT'S NICE TO SEE YOU TWO GETTING ALONG SO WELL.
Ah ha ha
QUIT SAYING THAT!!
YOU'RE NOT YOUNG ENOUGH ANYMORE FOR IT TO BE CUTE WHEN YOU CRY.
HMPH.


"YOU ARE A NOMAD
A NOMAD OF DREAMLAND
LIKE A WHIMSICAL WEST WIND

YOU DISAPPEAR FROM MY ARMS
WITH A MISCHIEVOUS SMILE
YOU DISAPPEAR
OH, DON'T GO BEAUTIFUL ONE..."


WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? THIS IS REVENGE, PURE AND SIMPLE.
GETTING BACK AT HIM IS EVEN MORE FUN THAN I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE.
COME TO THINK OF IT, YOU ALWAYS DID ENJOY PLAYING AROUND WITH AL-BOY, DIDN'T YOU?

YEAH, I THINK SO.
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
NEVER DROP YOUR GUARD, STUPID!
HMM? WELL...
..I THOUGHT I SAW A GLINT OF LIGHT OFF SOMETHING IN THE WINDOW ACROSS THE STREET...
WHAT'S UP?
RAHZEL, WOULD YOU MOVE OVER A LITTLE?
!!
EWWW! BURN IT RIGHT AWAY!!
THIS ALZEID ♡ BODY PILLOW BROKE MY FALL.
THE HEAT SHOPPING NETWORK
NOT ONLY IS IT USEFUL FOR SELF-DEFENSE, BUT IT'S ALSO YOUR FRIEND ON A LONELY NIGHT. BUT WAIT, THERE'S MORE! ORDER NOW FOR FREE SHIPPING!
THAT'S NOT A PHONE NUMBER-- THAT'S PI!!
OPERATORS ARE STANDING BY! JUST DIAL 3.14 1592653589 7932384...
DON'T TRY TO GET RICH OFF ME!!
bang

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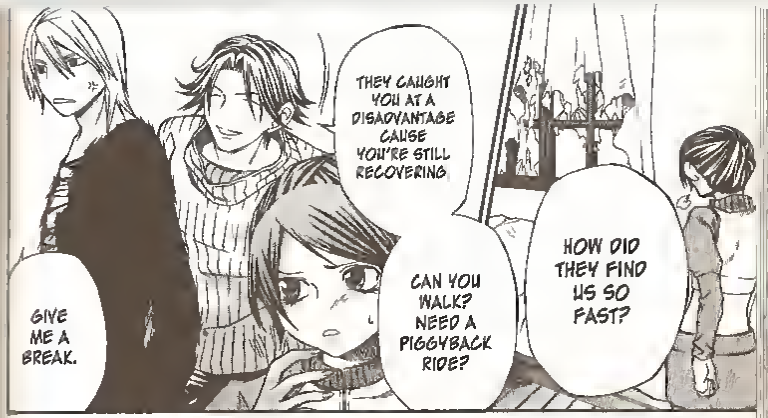
GIVE ME A BREAK.
THEY CAUGHT YOU AT A DISADVANTAGE CAUSE YOU'RE STILL RECOVERING
CAN YOU WALK? NEED A PIGGYBACK RIDE?
HOW DID THEY FIND US SO FAST?

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Chapter 41: The Penetrating White
There are many things I want to write about this episode. There's a whole lot even from the very first page. But I won't. 'Cause I'm embarrassed. Alzeid is becoming an increasingly sweet character. I'm very happy/relieved that.
By the way, Baroque-cat-san, if you're cold, you should wear long sleeves.

Oh yeah. The volume didn't come out in February, as was supposed to have been. March, but I'm waaay miscalculated and it didn't even make it in the month either. Allowing for the delays, if my manga's already had, the next one will appear in the fall. Calendar of Original works, I'm sure this time. Can I? Editor in charge.

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Chapter 40: The Road We Wander
In this chapter, the bear bag springs into action. If you look inside, you might even find a hospital or two. Complete with an inedible doctor.

Chapter 41: I Like You
This chapter's title page doesn't show what it looks like it might. (Shady what?) A lot of people said it was "erotic!" I'm glad. I'll keep working hard. I'm going to keep on believing that it was a compliment. But saying, "I like you" with this drawing...? Ummm.

Chapter 42: The Silent Compass Speak Not
When it was printed in the magazine, this chapter's title page was a full spread color illustration of Alzeid—this book's page count was limited, though, so I had to cut it out. When my assistant saw it, her first words were, "Is he so full of love?" Of course he is. He's just a little twisted, that's all.
In any case, how can the heroine carry the hero on her back? It's not possible. With a height difference of 30 cm (one foot) and weight difference of 24 kg (53 lbs), it's just not possible.

Chapter 43: The Name Rules
My assistant (different from the one above) gave name to the couple that appears in the beginning of the chapter—David and Kaede-san. She had a complete character sketch and storyline that she explained with great enthusiasm. "But I must tell you, that these characters are mine. Mine." Oh well, it's official, official. This is Endoh's first and last boy's love. Life extremely valuable.

Chapter 44: Counting on Fingers
Rayborn from figuring out the dialogue to drawing the pictures, this episode was not easy to work on. Since I've had this part of the story planned out for years, you'd think it would have considered him dead from the moment he appeared, but... When the character leaves the confines of your own mind and appears on public display, perhaps he takes on a life of his own independent of what you had planned for him.

Chapter 45: The Color of Silence
To add a little explanation, the method for making the serum described here is a little outdated. There does a much cooler looking serum machine makes serums that are free of allergens. Centrifuges... I want one.

Chapter 46: I Don't Have Words to Fill the Gap
It was uncomfortable drawing Alzeid gasping for air in front of a little girl. Like a pervert. (A misunderstanding.) Like it's shown in the flashback, Kiara's hair is actually black. He's dyeing it the delinquent.

The town militia has the place surrounded, but now that Alzeid has recovered, his capacity for vengeance rears its fearsome head. Later, Baroqueheat's hand needs repairs, so Branowen offers to take him to her workshop, and Alzeid tags along...after they take steps to make sure he won't be bothered on the way out of Acanea. To Rahzel falls the unenviable task of returning Rayborn to his father--and facing her own grief.

In the next Dazzle!

height 165cm
weight 39kg
eye-color blue
hair-color Crimson (Black)
birthday January 13
likes Natsume Branowen
dislikes Baroqueheat Alzeid